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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to benefits for water management
3 district employees and retirees; amending s. 373.605,
4 F.S.; authorizing the governing board of a water
5 management district to enroll the district's employees
6 and retirees in the state group insurance program and
7 the state employees' prescription drug program;
8 requiring the Department of Management Services and
9 the Legislature to determine the contribution rate and
10 level of financial responsibility of a participating
11 district and the district's employees and retirees
12 each fiscal year; specifying terms and conditions
13 governing a district's participation in the programs;
14 providing for applicability; providing an effective
15 date.

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17 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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19 Section 1. Section 373.605, Florida Statutes, is amended to
20 read:

21 373.605 Group insurance for water management districts.—

22 (1) The governing board of a water management district may
23 provide group insurance for its employees, and the employees of
24 another water management district, in the same manner and with
25 the same provisions and limitations authorized for other public
26 employees under ss. 112.08, 112.09, 112.10, 112.11, and 112.14.

27 (2) The governing board of a water management district may
28 enroll its employees and retirees in the state group insurance
29 program authorized under s. 110.123 and the state employees'
30 prescription drug program authorized under s. 110.12315, subject
31 to the same provisions and limitations applicable to other
32 enrollees in those respective programs.

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33 (a) For each fiscal year, the Department of Management
34 Services and the Legislature shall determine the contribution
35 rate and level of financial responsibility required of a water
36 management district that has exercised its option under this
37 subsection, and of the district's employees and retirees, which
38 must be at parity with those of state agencies and their
39 employees and retirees.

40 (b) If the governing board of a water management district
41 enrolls its employees and retirees in the state group insurance
42 program and state employees' prescription drug program, the
43 water management district must agree to the following terms and
44 conditions:

45 1. The minimum enrollment or contractual period must be 3
46 years.

47 2. Termination of participation of the district requires
48 written notice 1 year before the termination date.

49 3. If participation is terminated, the district may not
50 reapply for participation for a period of 2 years.

51 Section 2. This act applies to a water management
52 district's enrollment in the state group insurance program and
53 the state employees' prescription drug program beginning with
54 the 2018 insurance plan year and thereafter.

55 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.