

SENATE FILE NO. SF0062

Legislator health care-2.

Sponsored by: Management Council

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to state employees and officials group
 2 insurance; providing for enrollment by legislators and
 3 their dependents in the state employees and officials group
 4 insurance plan; providing a definition; granting rulemaking
 5 authority; and providing for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-201(a), 9-3-203(a)(ix), by
 10 creating a new paragraph (xvii) and by renumbering (xvii)
 11 as (xviii) and 9-3-207 by creating a new subsection (f) are
 12 amended to read:

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14 **9-3-201. Group prepaid plans authorized; agreements**
 15 **with insurance companies authorized; limitation on**
 16 **authorized plans and companies; payroll deductions;**

1 self-insurance programs; optional school district
2 participation in plan.

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4 (a) The state of Wyoming and its political
5 subdivisions and school districts may obtain group prepaid
6 plans or insurance for life, health, accident or
7 hospitalization for their employees and for elected
8 officials, ~~except for~~ including members of the legislature,
9 and enter into agreements with prepaid plans or insurance
10 companies to provide this coverage. Insurance coverage for
11 school district or board of cooperative educational
12 services employees meeting the definition of employee under
13 W.S. 9-3-203(a)(iv), shall, if elected by the district or
14 board under subsection (e) of this section, be provided
15 through the state employees' and officials' group insurance
16 plan in accordance with W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-218.
17 Insurance coverage for retired school district or board of
18 cooperative educational services employees shall, if
19 elected by the board or district under subsection (e) of
20 this section and if the retired employee was continuously
21 covered under the board's or district's insurance plan
22 prior to the election, be provided through the state
23 employees' and officials' group insurance plan in

1 accordance with W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-218. If a school
2 district or board of cooperative educational services
3 elects to cease participation in the group insurance plan
4 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, the election
5 shall apply to retired employees of that board or district
6 who are receiving coverage under this subsection.

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8 **9-3-203. Definitions.**

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10 (a) As used in this act:

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12 (ix) "Official" means any elected or appointed
13 state official who receives compensation other than expense
14 reimbursement from state funds, ~~except for~~ including
15 members of the legislature ~~and~~ but not including other
16 officials serving on an intermittent, irregular or less
17 than halftime basis;

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19 (xvii) "Member of the legislature" means a duly
20 elected or appointed member of the Wyoming senate or house
21 of representatives as of the date on which the member is
22 first sworn into office and until the member is removed

1 from office, resigns, is deceased or a new member is sworn
2 in for that person's seat in the legislature.

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4 ~~(xvii)~~(xviii) "This act" means W.S. 9-3-202
5 through 9-3-219.

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7 **9-3-207. Eligibility for membership in plan; state**
8 **employees; 31 day period to elect enrollment; new**
9 **employees; later enrollment.**

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11 (f) A member of the legislature shall be deemed as a
12 person employed on a regular, halftime basis for purposes
13 of obtaining and maintaining coverage under the group
14 insurance plan administered by the department. The
15 legislative service office shall act as the enrolling
16 agency for all legislators and their dependents who
17 participate in the group insurance plan. The legislative
18 service office shall pay the employer share for all
19 legislators electing to participate in the plan.

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21 **Section 2.**
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1 (a) Any member of the legislature eligible for
2 membership in the group insurance plan on January 7, 2025
3 shall have thirty-one (31) days after that date to either
4 elect to be enrolled or not be enrolled in the plan. The
5 department shall establish the procedure by which eligible
6 legislators shall notify the department of their decision
7 within the prescribed thirty-one (31) day period.

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9 (b) The department of administration and information
10 shall promulgate all rules necessary to effectuate the
11 purpose of this act. The department shall adopt procedures
12 for deductions and remittances to cover a legislator's
13 monthly contributions for enrollment in the group insurance
14 plan for the legislator and any covered dependents pursuant
15 to W.S. 9-3-211(a). These procedures may include
16 deductions from the enrolled legislator's monthly state pay
17 or from the enrolled legislator's checking or savings
18 account if the legislator's monthly state pay is
19 insufficient to cover the full cost of the legislator's
20 monthly contribution.

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1 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2023.

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