

EMPLOYEE TRUST FUNDS

Review of Annual Proposed Changes to the State Group Health Insurance Program
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Motion:

Move to require the Group Insurance Board (GIB), working with the Division of Personnel Management in the Department of Administration, to submit any proposed changes to the state group health insurance program to the Joint Committee on Employment Relations (JCOER) annually, by April 1st. Provide that GIB could not implement any changes to the state group health insurance program unless approved by JCOER. Require JCOER to hold a public hearing on any proposed changes. Provide that JCOER approve, disapprove, or approve with modifications, the proposed changes to the state group health insurance program annually, by May 1st. Specify that any approved changes to the program be submitted to the Governor. Require the Governor, within 10 calendar days, to approve or reject in its entirety the changes approved by JCOER to the state group health insurance program. Require that the affirmative vote of at least six of the eight members of JCOER would be required to override any rejection by the Governor of JCOER approved changes to the state group health insurance program.

Specify that, notwithstanding the regular process identified in the prior paragraph, no changes to the state group health insurance program for calendar year 2016 may be adopted unless approved by JCOER under the process identified above. Provide that for any calendar year 2016 changes to the state group health insurance program, that these changes would have to be submitted by GIB to JCOER no later than 30 calendar days after enactment of the 2015-17 biennial budget bill. Specify that JCOER would be required to approve, disapprove, or approve with modifications, the calendar year 2016 proposed changes to the state group health insurance program within 30 calendar days after submission of the proposed calendar year 2016 changes by GIB to the Committee.

Provide that this process would become effective upon enactment of the 2015-17 biennial budget bill. For purposes of this provision, the state group health insurance program would include group health insurance benefits offered under statutory sections 40.51(6), 40.515, and 40.52.

Note:

The Joint Committee on Employment Relations is made up of the following eight members: (a) Senate Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance; (b) Assembly Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Finance; (c) Assembly Majority Leader; (d) Assembly Minority Leader; (e) Senate Majority Leader; (f) Senate Minority Leader; (g) Speaker of the Assembly; and (h) President of the Senate.

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