

SENATE FILE NO. SF0024

State employees' and officials' group insurance.

Sponsored by: Joint Corporations, Elections & Political  
Subdivisions Interim Committee

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to insurance; requiring the state employees'  
2 and officials' group insurance program to be administered in  
3 accordance with insurance laws and regulations as specified;  
4 modifying a definition regarding coverage; authorizing  
5 rulemaking; 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. 9-3-203(a)(iii), 9-3-205(a)(intro),  
10 (iii), (vi) and (c) and 26-2-110 by creating a new subsection  
11 (e) are amended to read:

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13       **9-3-203. Definitions.**

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15       (a) As used in this act:

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(iii) "Dependent" means an employee's spouse, and each unmarried child under the age of ~~eighteen (18)~~ twenty-six (26) years, including adopted children, stepchildren and foster children, ~~and each unmarried child between the age of eighteen (18) and twenty three (23) years who is a full-time student in an accredited educational or vocational institution, and for whom the employee is the major source of financial support.~~ "Dependent" includes an otherwise qualified dependent of a deceased employee as provided in W.S. 9-3-209(d);

**9-3-205. Administration and management of group insurance program; powers and duties; adoption of rules and regulations; interfund borrowing authority.**

(a) The department shall administer and manage the state employees' and officials' group insurance program ~~and,~~ in accordance with all provisions of title 26 of the Wyoming statutes governing group health benefit plans and rules promulgated thereto. The department, subject to the provisions of this act:

1           (iii) Shall determine the methods of claims  
2 administration, consistent with title 26 of the Wyoming  
3 statutes, under group insurance or supplemental plans,  
4 whether by the state or carrier or both;

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6           (vi) Shall establish a procedure by which the  
7 department shall hear complaints by insured employees  
8 concerning the allowance and payment of claims, eligibility  
9 for coverage and other matters. The department shall take  
10 into consideration the authority of the department of  
11 insurance to investigate complaints pursuant to title 26 of  
12 the Wyoming statutes when establishing this procedure.

13 Unless otherwise provided in the group insurance or  
14 supplemental plan or plans, any decision of the department  
15 upon complaints is not binding upon either the employee or  
16 carrier and the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative  
17 Procedure Act shall not apply to the proceedings. The group  
18 insurance or supplemental plan or plans may provide that the  
19 decision of the department shall be binding upon both the  
20 employee and the carrier as to certain disputes and in such  
21 event the procedure adopted by the department shall conform  
22 to the provisions of the Wyoming Administrative Procedure  
23 Act;

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2 (c) For the purposes of determining financial  
3 condition, ability to fulfill and the manner of fulfillment  
4 of its statutory duties, the nature of its operations and  
5 compliance with law, the insurance commissioner shall examine  
6 the affairs, accounts, records and assets of the Wyoming state  
7 employees' and officials' group insurance plan, as often as  
8 he deems advisable but not less frequently than every three  
9 (3) years.

10 The insurance commissioner may adopt rules  
11 consistent with the provisions of this act and title 26 of  
12 the Wyoming statutes to identify procedures for conducting  
13 examinations of the Wyoming state employees' and officials'  
14 group insurance program.

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15 **26-2-110. Rules and regulations.**

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17 (e) The commissioner may promulgate rules to identify  
18 procedures for conducting examinations of the Wyoming state  
19 employees' and officials' group insurance program in  
20 accordance with W.S. 9-3-205(c).

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1           **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2020.

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