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INTRODUCTION**

SENATE FILE NO.

Legislator health care-2.

Sponsored by: Senator(s) Barlow

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) and 9-3-203(a)(ix), by  
10 creating a new paragraph (xvii) and by renumbering  
11 paragraph (xiv) as paragraph (xviii) are amended to read:

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1           9-3-201. Group prepaid plans authorized; agreements  
2 with insurance companies authorized; limitation on  
3 authorized plans and companies; payroll deductions; self-  
4 insurance programs; optional school district participation  
5 in plan.

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

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

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11 **9-3-203. Definitions.**

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13 (a) As used in this act:

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15 (ix) "Official" means any elected or appointed state  
16 official who receives compensation other than expense  
17 reimbursement from state funds, except for ~~members of the~~  
18 ~~legislature and~~ officials serving on an intermittent,  
19 irregular or less than halftime basis;

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21 (xvii) "Member of the legislature" means a duly  
22 elected or appointed member of the Wyoming senate or house  
23 of representatives as of the date on which the member

1 is first sworn into office and until the member is removed  
2 from office, resigns, is deceased or a new member is sworn  
3 in for that person's seat in the legislature.

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5 ~~(xiv)~~ (xviii) "This act" means W.S. 9-3-202  
6 through 9-3-218.

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8 **Section 2.**

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10 (a) Any member of the legislature eligible for  
11 membership in the group insurance plan on January 7,  
12 2025 shall have thirty-one (31) days after that date to  
13 either elect to be enrolled or not be enrolled in the  
14 plan. The department shall establish the procedure by  
15 which eligible legislators shall notify the department of  
16 their decision within the prescribed thirty-one (31) day  
17 period.

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19 (b) The legislature shall annually appropriate from  
20 the general fund to the legislative service office amounts  
21 necessary to fully fund the employer's and  
22 member's contributions for those eligible and  
23 enrolled members of the legislature.

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

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

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