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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 for legislators who participate  
5 in the program to pay the full cost of their premiums;  
6 providing a definition; granting rulemaking authority; and  
7 providing for an effective date.

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

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11 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-201(a), 9-3-203(a)(ix), by  
12 creating a new paragraph (xvii) and by renumbering  
13 paragraph (xiv) as paragraph (xviii), 9-3-207 by creating a

1 new subsection (f) and 9-3-210(a), (b) and by creating a  
2 new subsection (f) are amended to read:

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

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

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

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14 **9-3-203. Definitions.**

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16 (a) As used in this act:

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

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1           (xvii) "Member of the legislature" means a duly  
2 electd or appointed member of the Wyoming senate or house  
3 of representatives as of the date on which the member  
4 is first sworn into office and until the member is removed  
5 from office, resigns, is deceased or a new member is sworn  
6 in for that person's seat in the legislature.

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

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11           **9-3-207. Eligibility for membership in plan; state**  
12 **employees; 31 day period to elect enrollment; new**  
13 **employees; later enrollment.**

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

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1           9-3-210. Amount of state's contribution; estimates  
2 submitted to state budget officer; specified employees  
3 participation in federal program; participating employers  
4 contributions.

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6           (a) Except for voluntary participating employers and  
7 legislators, the state shall contribute monthly the amount  
8 established and appropriated by the legislature for each  
9 employee and official enrolled in the plan in accordance  
10 with subsections (b) and (c) of this section.

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12           (b) Any state agency, department or institution,  
13 including the University of Wyoming and the community  
14 colleges in the state, shall pay monthly to the department  
15 the amount established and appropriated by the legislature  
16 for each eligible employee or official, except legislators,  
17 electing to become covered by any portion of the group  
18 insurance plan as the contribution of the state to that  
19 plan during the period the employee or official is enrolled  
20 in the plan. Amounts appropriated by the legislature from  
21 the general fund for University of Wyoming and community  
22 college employer contributions under this section shall  
23 include amounts necessary to fully fund the employer's

1 contribution for those eligible and enrolled employees  
2 whose compensation is partially or fully funded from  
3 nonfederal sources, but the University of Wyoming shall  
4 exclude amounts necessary to fully fund the employer's  
5 contribution for those eligible and enrolled employees  
6 whose compensation is partially or fully funded from  
7 contracts, grants and auxiliary services. If federal funds  
8 are not available, the amounts necessary to fully fund the  
9 employer's contribution for those eligible and enrolled  
10 employees shall be included in the general fund  
11 appropriation. If the monthly premium for coverage of the  
12 employee or official is less than the amount established  
13 and appropriated by the legislature, the balance may be  
14 applied to the premium for coverage of dependents, or to  
15 the premium for any optional group insurance coverage made  
16 available by the department, if so elected.

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18 (f) Legislators who elect coverage under the group  
19 insurance plan shall pay the full cost of the premium  
20 coverage for themselves and their dependents as established  
21 by the department.

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23 **Section 2.**

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

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

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

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