

Senate File 213

S-3018

1 Amend Senate File 213 as follows:

2 1. By striking everything after the enacting clause
3 and inserting:

4 <Section 1. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE REFORM
5 STUDY COMMITTEE.

6 1. For purposes of this section, "public employee"
7 means an employee of the state, including an employee
8 of the state board of regents and institutions
9 governed by the state board; a county; a city; a school
10 district, an area education agency, or a community
11 college; or any other political subdivision.

12 2. The insurance division of the department of
13 commerce shall establish a public employee health
14 insurance reform study committee. The study committee
15 shall conduct a study to review the availability of
16 affordable, quality health insurance coverage for
17 public employees, the establishment of continuity of
18 coverage for public employers and their employees,
19 methods to improve the efficiency and fairness of the
20 health insurance marketplace for public employers and
21 their employees, relevant insurance ratings practices,
22 and related matters. The study shall include a
23 comparison of health insurance coverage that is offered
24 by the various public employers in this state and by
25 private sector employers. The study committee shall
26 examine the feasibility of the following:

27 a. Establishing basic or standard health benefit
28 plans with benefit levels, cost-sharing levels,
29 exclusions, and limitations available to all public
30 employers and their employees.

31 b. Establishing uniform coverage plans with benefit
32 coverages that may be added to the basic or standard
33 plans, at the option of a public employer.

34 c. Establishing restrictions on premium rates and
35 rate increases.

1 d. Establishing a public employer health
2 reinsurance program.

3 e. Establishing a premium rating system based on
4 the statewide health status, claims experience, and
5 other demographic characteristics of public employees.

6 3. The study committee's feasibility examination
7 shall include actuarial analysis as appropriate.
8 The actuary conducting the analysis shall examine
9 past experience and claim history and project future
10 experience, claims, and rates for multiple scenarios as
11 requested by the study committee.

12 4. The commissioner of insurance shall select
13 the members of the public employee health insurance
14 reform study committee which shall include all of the
15 following:

16 a. A representative of the state.
17 b. A representative of the state board of regents.
18 c. A representative of a county.
19 d. A representative of a city.
20 e. A representative of a school district.
21 f. A representative of the largest statewide
22 employee organization representing state employees.
23 g. A representative of the largest employee
24 organization that represents school district employees.
25 h. A representative of an employee organization
26 representing police officers.
27 i. A representative of an employee organization
28 representing fire fighters.
29 j. A representative of a health insurance carrier.
30 k. A representative of a health insurance provider.
31 l. Such other representatives who, in the opinion
32 of the commissioner, have expertise that would assist
33 the study committee in accomplishing its purpose.

34 5. The commissioner shall submit a report to
35 the general assembly on or before January 16,

1 2018, regarding the study committee's findings and
2 recommendations, including proposed legislation,
3 concerning health insurance coverage for public
4 employers and their employees.>

5 2. Title page, by striking lines 2 through 7 and
6 inserting <employees by providing for the establishment
7 of a public employee health insurance reform study
8 committee by the insurance division of the department
9 of commerce.>

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