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**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to the election of a political subdivision not to  
2 participate as a member of the Iowa individual health benefit  
3 reinsurance association.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 509A.14A ELECTION OF POLITICAL  
2 SUBDIVISION NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN IOWA INDIVIDUAL HEALTH  
3 BENEFIT REINSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

4 A political subdivision of the state providing health  
5 insurance or health benefits for employees pursuant to section  
6 509A.14 may elect not to participate as a member of the Iowa  
7 individual health benefit reinsurance association established  
8 in section 513C.10 in accordance with rules adopted by the  
9 commissioner of insurance. Health insurance or health  
10 benefits provided by a political subdivision of the state,  
11 which elects not to participate as a member of the Iowa  
12 individual health benefit reinsurance association, shall not  
13 be considered qualifying existing coverage or qualifying  
14 previous coverage as defined in section 513C.3, unless such  
15 insurance or benefits are similar to or exceed the benefits  
16 provided under the standard health benefit plan developed  
17 pursuant to section 513C.8, and provided that such insurance  
18 or benefits have been in effect for a period of at least one  
19 year.

20 EXPLANATION

21 This bill creates new Code section 509A.14A to provide that  
22 a political subdivision providing health insurance or benefits  
23 for its employees pursuant to chapter 509A (which governs  
24 group insurance for public employees) may elect not to  
25 participate as a member of the Iowa individual health benefit  
26 reinsurance association established in section 513C.10. This  
27 election would allow the political subdivision to avoid the  
28 fees which are assessed participants under chapter 513C.  
29 Health insurance or health benefits provided by a political  
30 subdivision making such election would not be considered  
31 qualifying existing coverage or qualifying previous coverage  
32 as defined in section 513C.3, unless such insurance or  
33 benefits are similar to or exceed the benefits provided under  
34 the standard health benefit plan developed pursuant to section  
35 513C.8, and provided that such insurance or benefits have been

1 in effect for a period of at least one year.

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