

1 ENGROSSED HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO
2 ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2127 By: Aldridge of the Senate
3 and
4 Moore of the House
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8 (health insurance for state employees - State
9 Employee Health Insurance Review Working Group -
10 modifying duties - exempting certain contract -
11 specifying termination date -
12 emergency)
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15 AMENDMENT NO. 1. Strike the stricken title, enacting clause and
16 entire bill and insert

17 "(health insurance for state employees - State
18 Employee Health Insurance Review Working Group -
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24 ~~BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:~~

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 4, Chapter 323, O.S.L.
2 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 Section 4. A. There is hereby ~~created~~ re-created the State
4 Employee Health Insurance Review Working Group.

5 B. The Working Group shall consist of ~~five (5)~~ seven (7)
6 members to be appointed or selected as follows:

7 1. ~~Two~~ Three members, who shall be members of the Oklahoma
8 House of Representatives, to be appointed by the Speaker of the
9 Oklahoma House of Representatives;

10 2. ~~Two~~ Three members, who shall be members of the Oklahoma
11 State Senate, to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the
12 State Senate; and

13 3. The Insurance Commissioner or designee.

14 The members previously appointed to the Working Group shall
15 continue to serve with new members appointed as necessary by the
16 original appointing authority pursuant to this section.

17 C. The Working Group shall hold its first meeting not later
18 than July 1, 2009. The first meeting shall be called by the co-
19 chairs of the Working Group. A majority of the members present at
20 the initial meeting or any subsequent meeting shall constitute a
21 quorum for the purpose of any action taken including the preparation
22 and approval of the final report required by subsection ~~N~~ L of this
23 section.

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1 D. The Speaker of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the
2 President Pro Tempore of the Oklahoma State Senate shall designate
3 which of their respective appointments shall serve as cochairs of
4 the Working Group. The members appointed as cochairs pursuant to
5 this subsection shall continue to serve as cochairs.

6 E. Members of the Working Group shall serve at the pleasure of
7 the appointing authority.

8 F. The Working Group shall be authorized to meet as necessary
9 in order to perform the duties imposed upon it. Legislative members
10 of the Working Group shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
11 pursuant to the provisions of Section 456 of Title 74 of the
12 Oklahoma Statutes. Other members of the Working Group shall be
13 reimbursed as provided by the appointing authority.

14 G. ~~Due to the increase in the cost of state employees' health~~
15 ~~care coverage, the~~ The Working Group shall continue to study and
16 examine the most efficient and cost-effective way to leverage state
17 dollars to ensure the highest level of health care for state
18 employees at a competitive price.

19 H. ~~The study shall include, but shall not be limited to:~~

20 1. ~~Ways to reduce costs of state employee health care coverage~~
21 ~~to the taxpayers, state employees and their dependents;~~

22 2. ~~Health care coverage plan design that will promote patient~~
23 ~~care that is safe, effective, patient-centered, efficient, and~~
24 ~~equitable;~~

1 ~~3. Offering consumer choice of health care plan designs that~~
2 ~~allow state employees the opportunity to determine what coverage and~~
3 ~~costs of such coverage best meet their needs; and~~

4 ~~4. Ways to maximize the state's leverage in purchasing medical~~
5 ~~services and supplies and plans' support services.~~

6 ~~I. The Working Group shall also provide oversight and monitor~~
7 ~~any efforts relating to implementation of the recommendations made~~
8 ~~by the consultant pursuant to the provisions of this section. The~~
9 Working Group shall have the authority to ~~request the Legislative~~
10 ~~Service Bureau to review~~ select an authoritative consultants
11 consultant with expertise in state plan design and health care
12 purchasing and assess the ability of the ~~consultants~~ consultant to
13 ~~examine the objectives listed in subsection H of this section~~ assist
14 in the implementation of the recommendations in addition to other
15 objectives, as necessary.

16 ~~J. After the review required by subsection I of this section,~~
17 ~~the Legislative Service Bureau.~~

18 H. The Working Group shall recommend one or more a qualified
19 consultants consultant to the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits
20 Council and the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board.
21 The Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council and the State and
22 Education Employees Group Insurance Board jointly shall contract
23 ~~with one of the recommended consultants~~ consultant for the study
24 required by subsection G of this section. Any contract entered into

1 pursuant to this subsection shall not be subject to the provisions
2 of The Oklahoma Central Purchasing Act.

3 ~~K. I.~~ The consultant shall advise the Working Group on
4 ~~recommendations to fulfill the objectives outlined in subsections~~
5 ~~the progress of its work pursuant to subsection G and H of this~~
6 section.

7 ~~L. J.~~ The Working Group shall have the authority to request of
8 related agencies any information, records or reports necessary to
9 ~~ensure the study of objectives outlined in subsection H of this~~
10 ~~section~~ provide proper oversight and monitoring of the
11 recommendations of the consultant. Agencies shall respond to the
12 Working Group in a timely manner to meet necessary reporting
13 deadlines imposed upon the Working Group.

14 ~~M. K.~~ Staff assistance for the Working Group shall be provided
15 by the staff of the Oklahoma House of Representatives and the State
16 Senate. Funding for the study, other than costs otherwise provided
17 for in this section, shall be provided equally by the Oklahoma State
18 Employees Benefits Council and the State and Education Employees
19 Group Insurance Board.

20 ~~N. L.~~ The Working Group shall produce a final written report of
21 its findings and any recommendations regarding ~~effective and cost-~~
22 ~~efficient purchasing and delivery of Oklahoma state employees'~~
23 ~~health care~~ the oversight and implementation of the recommendations
24 of the consultant. The report shall be submitted to the Governor,

