

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

3 HOUSE BILL 3234

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to state government; requiring
8 certain plans under the Oklahoma Employees Insurance
and Benefits Act be offered to Oklahoma residents;
9 directing the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and
Benefits Board to determine certain criteria and
10 options; directing the Board to promulgate necessary
rules; amending 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1302, which
11 relates to the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and
Benefits Act; modifying purpose of the Oklahoma
12 Employees Insurance and Benefits Act; providing for
codification; and providing an effective date.

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15 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

16 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
17 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1305.3 of Title 74, unless there
18 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

19 For plan years beginning on and after January 1, 2019, any
20 HealthChoice options plans offered to state and educational
21 employees under the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and Benefits Act
22 shall also be offered to residents of the state of Oklahoma for
23 enrollment. Participation eligibility requirements, dependent
24 coverage options and any other coverage options and criteria shall

1 be determined by the Oklahoma Employees Insurance and Benefits
2 Board. The Oklahoma Employees Insurance and Benefits Board shall
3 promulgate administrative rules necessary to implement the
4 provisions of this section.

5 SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2011, Section 1302, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 Section 1302. It is hereby declared that the purpose of this
8 act is:

9 (a) To provide uniformity in Accident and Health Insurance
10 and/or Benefits Coverage and Life Insurance on all employees of the
11 State of Oklahoma;

12 (b) To enable the state to attract and retain qualified
13 employees by providing health, dental and life insurance benefits
14 similar to those commonly provided in private industry;

15 (c) To recognize and protect the state's investment in each
16 permanent employee by promoting and preserving good health and
17 longevity among state employees;

18 (d) To recognize the service to the state by elected and
19 appointed officials by extending to them the same health, dental and
20 life insurance benefits as are provided herein for state employees;

21 (e) To recognize long and faithful service, and to encourage
22 employees to remain in state service until eligible for retirement
23 by providing health, dental and life insurance benefits for
24 employees; ~~and~~

1 (f) To ensure state compliance with the Health Maintenance
2 Organization Act of 1973 pursuant to 42 U.S.C., Section 300e et
3 seq.; and

4 (g) To offer health insurance plan or plans to all Oklahomans.

5 SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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