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To: Insurance

SENATE BILL NO. 2803
(As Passed the Senate)

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTION 25-15-303, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972,
2 TO REVISE THE COMPOSITION OF THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
3 HEALTH INSURANCE MANAGEMENT BOARD TO INCLUDE ONE APPOINTEE OF THE
4 LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AND ONE APPOINTEE OF THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
5 OF REPRESENTATIVES, WHO SHALL HAVE AT LEAST 10 YEARS OF CONSULTING
6 EXPERIENCE WITH SELF-FUNDED HEALTH INSURANCE GROUPS; AND FOR
7 RELATED PURPOSES.

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

9 SECTION 1. Section 25-15-303, Mississippi Code of 1972, is
10 amended as follows:[JMR1]

11 25-15-303. (1) There is created the State and School
12 Employees Health Insurance Management Board, which shall
13 administer the State and School Employees Life and Health
14 Insurance Plan provided for under Section 25-15-3 et seq. The
15 State and School Employees Health Insurance Management Board,
16 hereafter referred to as the "board," shall also be responsible
17 for administering all procedures for selecting third-party
18 administrators provided for in Section 25-15-301.

19 (2) The board shall consist of the following:

20 (a) The Chairman of the Workers' Compensation
21 Commission, or his designee;

22 (b) The Commissioner of Insurance, or his designee;

23 (c) The Commissioner of Higher Education, or his
24 designee;

25 (d) The State Superintendent of Education, or his
26 designee;

27 (e) The Executive Director of the Department of Finance
28 and Administration;

29 (f) Two (2) appointees of the Governor whose terms
30 shall be concurrent with that of the Governor, one (1) of whom
31 shall have experience in providing actuarial advice to companies
32 that provide health insurance to large groups and one (1) of whom
33 shall have experience in the day-to-day management and
34 administration of a large self-funded health insurance group;

35 (g) One appointee of the Lieutenant Governor who shall
36 have at least ten (10) years of consulting experience with
37 self-funded health insurance groups, but shall not have any
38 interest in any contract with the board;

39 (h) One appointee of the Speaker of the House of
40 Representatives who shall have at least (10) years of consulting
41 experience with self-funded health insurance groups, but shall not
42 have any interest in any contract with the board;

43 (i) The Chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee, or
44 his designee;

45 (j) The Chairman of the House of Representatives
46 Insurance Committee, or his designee;

47 (k) The Chairman of the Senate Appropriations
48 Committee, or his designee; and

49 (l) The Chairman of the House of Representatives
50 Appropriations Committee, or his designee.

51 The legislators, or their designees, shall serve as ex
52 officio, nonvoting members of the board.

53 The Executive Director of the Department of Finance and
54 Administration shall be the chairman of the board.

55 (3) The board shall meet at least monthly and maintain
56 minutes of such meetings. A quorum shall consist of a majority of
57 the authorized voting membership of the board. The board shall
58 have the sole authority to promulgate rules and regulations
59 governing the operations of the insurance plans and shall be
60 vested with all legal authority necessary and proper to perform
61 this function including, but not limited to:

62 (a) Defining the scope and coverages provided by the
63 insurance plan;

64 (b) Seeking proposals for services or insurance through
65 competitive processes where required by law and selecting service
66 providers or insurers under procedures provided for by law; and

67 (c) Developing and adopting strategic plans and budgets
68 for the insurance plan.

69 The department shall employ a State Insurance
70 Administrator, who shall be responsible for the day-to-day
71 management and administration of the insurance plan. The board
72 shall employ a Deputy State Insurance Administrator who shall be
73 an actuary and a member of the American Academy of Actuaries. The
74 Deputy State Insurance Administrator shall have experience in
75 providing actuarial services to companies which provide health
76 insurance to large groups. The deputy administrator shall receive
77 a salary set by the board and shall not be subject to the
78 authority of the State Personnel Board for any purpose. The
79 Department of Finance and Administration shall provide to the
80 board on a full-time basis personnel and technical support
81 necessary and sufficient to effectively and efficiently carry out
82 the requirements of this section.

83 (4) Members of the board shall not receive any compensation
84 or per diem, but may receive travel reimbursement provided for
85 under Section 25-3-41, except that the legislators shall receive
86 per diem and expenses which shall be paid from the contingent
87 expense funds of their respective houses in the same amounts as
88 provided for committee meetings when the Legislature is not in
89 session; however, no per diem and expenses for attending meetings
90 of the board shall be paid while the Legislature is in session.

91 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
92 and after July 1, 2000.