2009 SENATE BILL 427

December 15, 2009 - Introduced by Senators Kreitlow, Coggs and Taylor, cosponsored by Representatives Dexter, Hilgenberg, Ballweg and Petrowski. Referred to Committee on Health, Health Insurance, Privacy, Property Tax Relief, and Revenue.

AN ACT *to amend* 59.52 (11) (c) of the statutes; **relating to:** expanding the types of governmental units that may participate in a joint local governmental self-insured health insurance plan.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, any county with at least 100 employees may provide health care benefits to its officers and employees on a self-insured basis. Also under current law, a county and one or more political subdivisions (cities, villages, towns, or other counties) that together have at least 100 employees may jointly provide health care benefits to their officers and employees on a self-insured basis.

Under this bill, a county housing authority may participate with a county and one or more political subdivisions that together have at least 100 employees to jointly provide such benefits.

For further information see the *local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** 59.52 (11) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:
- 5 59.52 (11) (c) Employee insurance. Provide for individual or group hospital,
- 6 surgical and life insurance for county officers and employees and for payment of

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premiums for county officers and employees. A county with at least 100 employees may elect to provide health care benefits on a self-insured basis to its officers and employees. A county and one or more cities, villages, towns, er other counties, or county housing authorities that together have at least 100 employees may jointly provide health care benefits to their officers and employees on a self-insured basis. Counties that elect to provide health care benefits on a self-insured basis to their officers and employees shall be subject to the requirements set forth under s. 120.13 (2) (c) to (e) and (g).

9 (END)