

State of Misconsin 2011 - 2012 LEGISLATURE



SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1, TO 2011 SENATE BILL 153

October 5, 2011 – Offered by Senator WANGGAARD.

1 AN ACT *to amend* 40.51 (7) (a) of the statutes; **relating to:** permitting 2 governmental employers who are not participating employers in the Wisconsin 3 Retirement System to be covered in the local government health insurance plan 4 offered by the group insurance board.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

The Group Insurance Board (GIB) offers a health insurance plan to local government employers and their employees. This substitute amendment specifically requires the GIB to offer this plan to local government employers who are not participating employers in the Wisconsin Retirement System.

For further information see the *state and 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. 40.51 (7) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2011 Wisconsin Act 32,

6 is amended to read:

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1 40.51 (7) (a) Any employer, other than the state, <u>including an employer that</u> 2 is not a participating employer, may offer to all of its employees a health care 3 coverage plan through a program offered by the group insurance board. 4 Notwithstanding sub. (2) and ss. 40.05 (4) and 40.52 (1), the department may by rule 5 establish different eligibility standards or contribution requirements for such 6 employees and employers and may by rule limit the categories of employers, other 7 than the state, which may be included as participating employers under this 8 subchapter. Beginning on January 1, 2012, except as otherwise provided in a 9 collective bargaining agreement under subch. IV of ch. 111 and except as provided 10 in par. (b), an employer may not offer a health care coverage plan to its employees 11 under this subsection if the employer pays more than 88 percent of the average 12 premium cost of plans offered in any tier with the lowest employee premium cost 13 under this subsection.

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