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By Senators Quigley, Franklin, C. Anderson and Wojahn; by request of Health Care Authority

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care authority contracts with school
2 districts; amending RCW 28A.400.350; and adding a new section to
3 chapter 28A.400 RCW.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 **Sec. 1.** RCW 28A.400.350 and 1993 c 492 s 226 are each amended to
6 read as follows:

7 (1) The board of directors of any of the state's school districts
8 may make available liability, life, health, health care, accident,
9 disability and salary protection or insurance or any one of, or a
10 combination of the enumerated types of insurance, or any other type of
11 insurance or protection, for the members of the boards of directors,
12 the students, and employees of the school district, and their
13 dependents. Such coverage may be provided by contracts with private
14 carriers, with the state health care authority after July 1, 1990,
15 pursuant to the approval of the authority administrator, or through
16 self-insurance or self-funding pursuant to chapter 48.62 RCW, or in any
17 other manner authorized by law. Except for health benefits purchased
18 with nonstate funds as provided in RCW 28A.400.200, effective on and
19 after (~~October 1, 1995~~) January 1, 1996, health care coverage, (~~life~~

1 insurance, liability insurance, accidental death and dismemberment
2 insurance, and disability income insurance)) not including dental
3 benefits, shall be provided only by contracts with the state health
4 care authority.

5 (2) Whenever funds are available for these purposes the board of
6 directors of the school district may contribute all or a part of the
7 cost of such protection or insurance for the employees of their
8 respective school districts and their dependents. The premiums on such
9 liability insurance shall be borne by the school district.

10 After October 1, 1990, school districts may not contribute to any
11 employee protection or insurance other than liability insurance unless
12 the district's employee benefit plan conforms to RCW 28A.400.275 and
13 28A.400.280.

14 (3) For school board members and students, the premiums due on such
15 protection or insurance shall be borne by the assenting school board
16 member or student. The school district may contribute all or part of
17 the costs, including the premiums, of life, health, health care,
18 accident or disability insurance which shall be offered to all students
19 participating in interschool activities on the behalf of or as
20 representative of their school or school district. The school district
21 board of directors may require any student participating in
22 extracurricular interschool activities to, as a condition of
23 participation, document evidence of insurance or purchase insurance
24 that will provide adequate coverage, as determined by the school
25 district board of directors, for medical expenses incurred as a result
26 of injury sustained while participating in the extracurricular
27 activity. In establishing such a requirement, the district shall adopt
28 regulations for waiving or reducing the premiums of such coverage as
29 may be offered through the school district to students participating in
30 extracurricular activities, for those students whose families, by
31 reason of their low income, would have difficulty paying the entire
32 amount of such insurance premiums. The district board shall adopt
33 regulations for waiving or reducing the insurance coverage requirements
34 for low-income students in order to assure such students are not
35 prohibited from participating in extracurricular interschool
36 activities.

37 (4) All contracts for insurance or protection written to take
38 advantage of the provisions of this section shall provide that the
39 beneficiaries of such contracts may utilize on an equal participation

1 basis the services of those practitioners licensed pursuant to chapters
2 18.22, 18.25, 18.53, 18.57, and 18.71 RCW.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.400
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) In a manner prescribed by the state health care authority,
6 school districts and educational service districts shall remit to the
7 health care authority for deposit in the public employees' and
8 retirees' insurance account established in RCW 41.05.120:

9 (a) For each full-time employee of the district, an amount equal to
10 four and seven-tenths percent multiplied by the insurance benefit
11 allocation rate in the appropriations act for a certificated or
12 classified staff, for each month of the school year;

13 (b) For each part-time employee of the district who, at the time of
14 the remittance, is employed in an eligible position as defined in RCW
15 41.32.010 or 41.40.010 and is eligible for employer fringe benefit
16 contributions for basic benefits as defined in RCW 28A.400.270, an
17 amount equal to four and seven-tenths percent multiplied by the
18 insurance benefit allocation rate in the appropriations act for a
19 certificated or classified staff, for each month of the school year,
20 prorated by the proportion of employer fringe benefit contributions for
21 a full-time employee that the part-time employee receives.

22 (2) The remittance requirements specified in RCW 28A.400.350 shall
23 not apply to employees of a school district or educational service
24 district who receive insurance benefits through contracts with the
25 health care authority as provided by RCW 28A.400.350.

26 (3) The legislature reserves the right to increase or decrease the
27 percent or amount required to be remitted in this section.

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