

1 **STATE HEALTH INSURANCE AMENDMENTS**

2 2011 GENERAL SESSION

3 STATE OF UTAH

4 **Chief Sponsor: Don L. Ipson**

5 Senate Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist

7 **LONG TITLE**

8 **General Description:**

9 This bill enacts uncodified language that requires a study by the Legislature's
10 Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee of changes in the way the state
11 provides health insurance to its employees, retirees, and their families.

12 **Highlighted Provisions:**

13 This bill:

- 14 ▶ requires the Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee to study the
15 way the state provides health insurance to its employees, retirees, and their families;
- 16 ▶ establishes the issues to be studied by the interim committee;
- 17 ▶ requires the Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee to coordinate
18 its study of health insurance benefits for state employees with the study by the
19 Health System Reform Task Force of the operations of the Health Insurance
20 Exchange;
- 21 ▶ requires the interim committee to consult with stake holders; and
- 22 ▶ requires the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program to provide assistance
23 and information to the interim committee.

24 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

25 None

26 **Other Special Clauses:**

27 This bill is repealed on December 30, 2011.

28 **Uncodified Material Affected:**

29 ENACTS UNCODIFIED MATERIAL

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Retirement and independent entities study.

(1) The Legislature's Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee shall review and make recommendations on the following issues:

(a) improvements to the way in which the state provides health insurance to employees, retirees, and their families;

(b) methods to improve the quality of health care for employees, retirees, and their families;

(c) methods to engage an employee as an informed consumer in the health care decisions made by the employee;

(d) methods for the state to better control state expenditures on health care; and

(e) optimal use of the assets and competencies of the Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program, including:

(i) the type of health insurance benefits offered by the state;

(ii) the structure and type of contributions made by the state for employee health insurance benefits; and

(iii) the structure and risk bearing role of the Public Employees' Benefit Plan Program.

(2) The Legislature's Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee shall receive input from public employees, the Department of Human Resource Management, local governments, political subdivisions, and other interested stake holders and on or before November 30, 2011, recommend legislation necessary to implement the recommendations of the interim committee.

(3) The Public Employees' Benefit and Insurance Program shall provide technical assistance and information to the Legislature's Retirement and Independent Entities Interim Committee when requested by the interim committee.

Section 2. Repeal date.

This bill is repealed on December 30, 2011.

