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"AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. Subsection (m) of section 5-259 of the 2010 supplement to
4 the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
5 thereof (*Effective from passage*):

6 (m) (1) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the
7 Comptroller shall begin procedures to convert the group
8 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plans set forth in
9 subsection (a) of this section, including any prescription drug plan
10 offered in connection with or in addition to such insurance plans, to
11 self-insured plans, [for benefit periods beginning on or after July 1,
12 2010,] except that any dental plan offered in connection with or in
13 addition to such self-insured plans may be fully insured.

14 (2) The Comptroller may enter into contracts with third-party
15 administrators to provide administrative services only for the self-
16 insured plans set forth in subdivision (1) of this subsection. Any such
17 third-party administrator shall be required under such contract to
18 charge such third-party administrator's lowest available rate for such
19 services.

20 (3) (A) (i) The Comptroller shall offer nonstate public employers the
21 option to purchase prescription drugs for their employees, employees'
22 dependents and retirees under the purchasing authority of the state
23 pursuant to section 1 of public act 09-206, subject to the provisions of
24 subparagraph (E) of this subdivision.

25 (ii) For purposes of this subdivision, "nonstate public employer"
26 means (I) a municipality or other political subdivision of the state,
27 including a board of education, quasi-public agency or public library,
28 as defined in section 11-24a, or (II) the Teachers' Retirement Board.

29 (B) The Comptroller shall establish procedures to determine (i) the
30 eligibility requirements for, (ii) the enrollment procedures for, (iii) the
31 duration of, (iv) requirements regarding payment for, and (v) the
32 procedures for withdrawal from and termination of, the purchasing of
33 prescription drugs for nonstate public employers under subparagraph
34 (A) of this subdivision.

35 (C) The Comptroller may offer to nonstate public employers that
36 choose to purchase prescription drugs pursuant to subparagraph (A)
37 of this subdivision the option to purchase stop loss coverage from an
38 insurer at a rate negotiated by the Comptroller.

39 (D) Two or more nonstate public employers may join together for
40 the purpose of purchasing prescription drugs for their employees,
41 employees' dependents and retirees. Such arrangement shall not
42 constitute a multiple employer welfare arrangement, as defined in
43 Section 3 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as
44 amended from time to time.

45 (E) (i) The Comptroller shall offer nonstate public employers the
 46 option to purchase prescription drugs through the plan set forth in the
 47 State Employees' Bargaining Agent Coalition's collective bargaining
 48 agreement with the state only if the Health Care Cost Containment
 49 Committee, established in accordance with the ratified agreement
 50 between the state and said coalition pursuant to subsection (f) of
 51 section 5-278, has indicated in writing to the Comptroller that allowing
 52 such nonstate public employers such option is consistent with said
 53 coalition's collective bargaining agreement.

54 (ii) Such writing shall not be required if the Comptroller establishes
 55 a separate prescription drugs purchasing plan for nonstate public
 56 employers.

57 (iii) Nonstate public employers that purchase prescription drugs
 58 pursuant to this subdivision shall pay the full cost of their own claims
 59 and prescription drugs."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	5-259(m)