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"AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTHCARE REFORM."

1 Strike sections 1 to 8, inclusive, in their entirety and renumber the
2 remaining sections and internal references accordingly

3 After the last section, add the following and renumber sections and
4 internal references accordingly:

5 "Sec. 501. Subsection (m) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
6 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
7 *January 1, 2012*):

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

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

21 (3) (A) (i) The Comptroller shall offer nonstate public employers and
22 nonprofit corporations the option to purchase prescription drugs for
23 their employees, employees' dependents and retirees under the
24 purchasing authority of the state pursuant to section 1 of public act 09-
25 206*, subject to the provisions of subparagraph (E) of this subdivision.

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

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

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

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

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

57 (ii) Such writing shall not be required if the Comptroller establishes
58 a separate prescription drugs purchasing plan for nonstate public
59 employers and for nonprofit corporations.

60 (iii) Nonstate public employers and nonprofit corporations that
61 purchase prescription drugs pursuant to this subdivision shall pay the
62 full cost of their own claims and prescription drugs."