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Referred to Committee on INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE

Introduced by:
(INS)

AN ACT CONCERNING COVERAGE OF CERTAIN DEPENDENT CHILDREN UNDER THE GROUP HOSPITALIZATION AND MEDICAL AND SURGICAL INSURANCE PLAN OR PLANS PROCURED BY THE COMPTROLLER.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*
3 *passage*):

4 (a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and
5 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group
6 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for
7 (1) state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect
8 coverage under such plan or plans, (3) participants in an alternate
9 retirement program who meet the service requirements of section 5-
10 162 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (4) anyone receiving benefits
11 under section 5-144 or from any state-sponsored retirement system,
12 except the teachers' retirement system and the municipal employees
13 retirement system, (5) judges of probate and Probate Court employees,

14 (6) the surviving spouse, and any dependent children of a state police
15 officer, a member of an organized local police department, a firefighter
16 or a constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies
17 before, on or after June 26, 2003, as the result of injuries received while
18 acting within the scope of such officer's or firefighter's or constable's
19 employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and
20 whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise
21 eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance
22 plan. Coverage for a dependent child pursuant to this subdivision shall
23 terminate no earlier than the [policy anniversary date on] end of the
24 calendar year during or after whichever of the following occurs first,
25 the date on which the child: Becomes covered under a group health
26 plan through the dependent's own employment; or attains the age of
27 twenty-six, (7) employees of the Capital Region Development
28 Authority established by section 32-601, and (8) the surviving spouse
29 and dependent children of any employee of a municipality who dies
30 on or after October 1, 2000, as the result of injuries received while
31 acting within the scope of such employee's employment and not as the
32 result of illness or natural causes, and whose surviving spouse and
33 dependent children are not otherwise eligible for a group
34 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan. For purposes
35 of this subdivision, "employee" means any regular employee or
36 elective officer receiving pay from a municipality, "municipality"
37 means any town, city, borough, school district, taxing district, fire
38 district, district department of health, probate district, housing
39 authority, regional work force development board established under
40 section 31-3k, flood commission or authority established by special act
41 or regional council of governments. For purposes of subdivision (6) of
42 this subsection, "firefighter" means any person who is regularly
43 employed and paid by any municipality for the purpose of performing
44 firefighting duties for a municipality on average of not less than thirty-
45 five hours per week. The minimum benefits to be provided by such
46 plan or plans shall be substantially equal in value to the benefits that
47 each such employee or member of the General Assembly could secure
48 in such plan or plans on an individual basis on the preceding first day

49 of July. The state shall pay for each such employee and each member
 50 of the General Assembly covered by such plan or plans the portion of
 51 the premium charged for such member's or employee's individual
 52 coverage and seventy per cent of the additional cost of the form of
 53 coverage and such amount shall be credited to the total premiums
 54 owed by such employee or member of the General Assembly for the
 55 form of such member's or employee's coverage under such plan or
 56 plans. On and after January 1, 1989, the state shall pay for anyone
 57 receiving benefits from any such state-sponsored retirement system
 58 one hundred per cent of the portion of the premium charged for such
 59 member's or employee's individual coverage and one hundred per
 60 cent of any additional cost for the form of coverage. The balance of any
 61 premiums payable by an individual employee or by a member of the
 62 General Assembly for the form of coverage shall be deducted from the
 63 payroll by the State Comptroller. The total premiums payable shall be
 64 remitted by the Comptroller to the insurance company or companies
 65 or nonprofit organization or organizations providing the coverage. The
 66 amount of the state's contribution per employee for a health
 67 maintenance organization option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and
 68 cents, to the largest amount of the contribution per employee paid for
 69 any other option that is available to all eligible state employees
 70 included in the health benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed
 71 the amount of the health maintenance organization premium.

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

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that coverage for certain dependent children under the group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans procured by the Comptroller shall terminate not earlier than the end of the calendar year during or after whichever of the following occurs first: (1) The date on which the dependent child becomes covered under a group health plan through such dependent child's own employment; or (2) attains the age of twenty-six.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]