



General Assembly

**Amendment**

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LCO No. 10609



Offered by:  
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To: Senate Bill No. 904

File No. 321

Cal. No. 168

**"AN ACT REQUIRING THE COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE SERVICES TO ESTABLISH A FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING A TAX DEDUCTION FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER SAVINGS ACCOUNTS."**

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

3 "Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) Not later than March 1, 2020,  
4 the executive director of the Office of Health Strategy established  
5 under section 19a-754a of the general statutes shall submit a report, in  
6 accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint  
7 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
8 matters relating to insurance and public health.

9 (b) The report submitted pursuant to subsection (a) of this section  
10 shall include:

11 (1) An evaluation of the individual and small employer health  
12 insurance markets in this state;

13 (2) Recommended statutory, regulatory or other policy changes that  
14 would, if adopted or implemented, reduce health insurance premiums,  
15 out-of-pocket expenses and other costs without compromising the  
16 quality of health care in this state; and

17 (3) The results of a study concerning opportunities to reduce the  
18 cost of health coverage for individuals and small employers in this  
19 state through other forms of government-sponsored health coverage,  
20 including, but not limited to, coverage that would allow small  
21 employers to purchase health coverage through a risk-pooled health  
22 insurance plan offered by the Comptroller, as well as:

23 (A) The cost of such coverage in comparison to health coverage  
24 available in the private market;

25 (B) The potential financial risks that may be incurred by this state in  
26 providing such coverage; and

27 (C) The impact that any loss of this state's exemption under the  
28 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended from  
29 time to time, in providing such coverage would have on this state.

30 (c) The executive director shall submit a copy of each report  
31 required under this section to the Office of Policy and Management."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section