



January 10, 2014

SENATE BILL No. 61

DIGEST OF SB 61 (Updated January 8, 2014 11:43 am - DI 84)

Citations Affected: IC 5-10.

Synopsis: Emergency medical services provider disability benefits. Authorizes a municipal corporation to provide programs of disability insurance (programs) to its emergency medical services providers who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness: (1) that is not covered by worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation; or (2) for which worker's compensation or occupational diseases compensation has been exhausted. Provides that the elimination or waiting period before a benefit begins may not be greater than: (1) 30 days, for a short term disability program; or (2) 120 days, for a long term disability program. Allows a municipal corporation to provide the programs by purchasing policies of group insurance or establishing a self-insurance program. Requires the fiscal body of a municipal corporation to approve the establishment of a self-insurance program. Allows the programs to exclude part-time employees and individuals who provide services to the municipal corporation under a contract. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the pension management oversight commission.)

Effective: July 1, 2014.

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January 7, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.
January 9, 2014, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning state and local administration.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 5-10-17 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS
2 A NEW CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY
3 1, 2014]:
4 **Chapter 17. Emergency Medical Services Provider Disability**
5 **Benefits**
6 **Sec. 1. This chapter applies to an emergency medical services**
7 **provider who is:**
8 (1) **employed by a municipal corporation; and**
9 (2) **not eligible for a disability benefit under IC 36-8-6,**
10 **IC 36-8-7, IC 36-8-7.5, or IC 36-8-8.**
11 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "emergency medical services**
12 **provider" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-41-10-1.**
13 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "fiscal body" has the meaning set**
14 **forth in IC 36-1-2-6.**
15 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "municipal corporation" has the**
16 **meaning set forth in IC 5-10-9-1.**

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1 **Sec. 5. (a) A municipal corporation may provide programs of**
 2 **disability insurance to its emergency medical services providers**
 3 **who become disabled as the result of an injury or illness:**

4 **(1) that is not covered by:**

5 **(A) worker's compensation (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6);**

6 **or**

7 **(B) worker's occupational diseases compensation**

8 **(IC 22-3-7); or**

9 **(2) for which coverage under worker's compensation or**
 10 **worker's occupational diseases compensation has been**
 11 **exhausted.**

12 **(b) A program established under subsection (a) may not have an**
 13 **elimination or waiting period of greater than the following before**
 14 **a benefit begins:**

15 **(1) Thirty (30) days, for a short term disability program.**

16 **(2) One hundred twenty (120) days, for a long term disability**
 17 **program.**

18 **(c) A municipal corporation may provide the programs of**
 19 **disability insurance described in subsection (a) through either of**
 20 **the following:**

21 **(1) By purchasing policies of group insurance.**

22 **(2) By establishing self-insurance programs.**

23 **(d) A municipal corporation may exclude from coverage under**
 24 **a program of disability insurance an emergency medical services**
 25 **provider who:**

26 **(1) is a part-time employee (as defined by the municipal**
 27 **corporation); or**

28 **(2) provides services to the municipal corporation under a**
 29 **contract.**

30 **(e) The establishment of a self-insurance program under this**
 31 **section is subject to the approval of the municipal corporation's**
 32 **fiscal body.**



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Pensions and Labor, to which was referred Senate Bill No. 61, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said bill DO PASS.

(Reference is to SB 61 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0

Senator Boots, Chairperson

