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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2010

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RELATING TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE
SERVICES

Introduced By: Senators E O'Neill, Bates, Cote, Maher, and Raptakis

Date Introduced: February 11, 2010

Referred To: Senate Constitutional & Regulatory Issues

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 22-11 of the General Laws entitled "Joint Committee on
2 Legislative Services" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **22-11-3.6. Health insurance benefits of all state and municipal employees.** – (a) All
4 state and municipal employees, including all state general officers, all members of the general
5 assembly, and all judges and magistrates of the judiciary, shall pay a share of any health
6 insurance benefits in an amount not less than twenty percent (20%) of the cost of the provided
7 benefits.

8 (b) No individual receiving health care benefits from the state or of any of its
9 subdivisions, or from any municipality of the state or subdivision thereof, who also receives a
10 similar taxpayer funded healthcare benefit from the state or any subdivision thereof, shall be paid
11 a subsidy, emolument, or waiver in lieu of his or her refusal to accept the health care benefit. No
12 renewal, extension, or new contract negotiated between the state or any of its subdivisions and
13 any of its employees, whether represented or not by any union, or between a municipality or any
14 of its subdivisions, shall permit any employee receiving health care benefits to receive such
15 benefits without a provision that the employee shall pay twenty percent (20%) of the cost of the
16 provided benefits.

17 (c) No person who is eligible to receive a municipal health care benefit plan and who is
18 also eligible to receive a state health care benefit plan, may be covered by both unless the second

1 coverage occurs through another individual for whom they would otherwise be eligible to be
2 covered. Should an individual be eligible to receive both a state or municipal health care benefit
3 package, the individual may choose which package they will receive coverage from, but shall not
4 be permitted to receive a payment for refusing the other.

5 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
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1 This act would require all state and municipal employees to contribute a minimum of
2 20% of the cost of health care benefits provided to them. The act would mandate that the state
3 and municipalities shall not enter into any new contracts, extension of contracts, or renewal of
4 contracts with any individuals or labor organizations unless the 20% co-share is included. The act
5 also eliminates any payments to individuals for refusing the provided healthcare coverage.

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