

SENATE FILE NO. SF0084

Life insurance plan-legislators.

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A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the administration of government;
2 providing for enrollment of legislators in the life
3 insurance plan within the state employees' and officials'
4 group insurance plan; authorizing rulemaking; and providing
5 for an effective date.

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7 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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9 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-220 is created to read:

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11 **9-3-220. Legislator membership in life insurance**
12 **plan.**

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14 (a) A member of the Wyoming legislature is eligible
15 for coverage under the life insurance plan administered by

1 the department at premium rates established by the
2 department provided:

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4 (i) Any member of the legislature eligible for
5 membership in the life insurance plan on January 2, 2023
6 shall be enrolled in the plan unless the member elects
7 within thirty-one (31) days not to be enrolled in the plan.
8 The department shall establish the procedure by which
9 eligible members of the legislature shall notify the
10 department of their decision not to be enrolled in the plan
11 within the prescribed thirty-one (31) day period;

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13 (ii) An eligible member of the legislature who
14 takes office after January 2, 2023 shall be enrolled in the
15 life insurance plan unless the member elects within
16 thirty-one (31) days from the date the member takes office
17 not to be enrolled in the life insurance plan;

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19 (iii) Members of the legislature who elect not
20 to be enrolled within the time prescribed in paragraphs (i)
21 and (ii) of this subsection may be enrolled at a later date
22 upon conditions the department may impose, such as a
23 specified open enrollment period;

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2 (iv) The premium rates established by the
3 department for each eligible and enrolled member of the
4 legislature shall be equal to the costs attributable to the
5 premium for the member's participation in the life
6 insurance plan. The premium rates shall not include costs
7 attributable to any other portion of the group insurance
8 plan. The legislature shall appropriate to the legislative
9 service office amounts necessary to fully fund an
10 employer's and member's contributions for those eligible
11 and enrolled members of the legislature.

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13 (b) Any eligible member of the legislature may elect
14 to have the member's dependents covered by the life
15 insurance plan administered by the department as follows:

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17 (i) The election shall be made at the time the
18 member of the legislature becomes enrolled in the life
19 insurance plan, under procedures the department may
20 establish. If dependent coverage is not elected at the
21 time that a member of the legislature becomes enrolled in
22 the life insurance plan, dependent coverage may be elected

1 at a later date under conditions the department may impose,
2 such as a specified open enrollment period;

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4 (ii) Any member of the legislature who has
5 elected to have the member's dependents covered as provided
6 in paragraph (i) of this subsection, and who subsequently
7 has a change in the number of dependents, may at the time
8 of the change increase or decrease the number of dependents
9 covered by the life insurance plan under procedures
10 established by the department;

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12 (iii) Any member of the legislature who has no
13 eligible dependents at the time the member becomes enrolled
14 in the life insurance plan, and who later has an eligible
15 dependent may, at the time the member's dependency status
16 changes, elect coverage for the dependent under procedures
17 established by the department.

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19 (c) A member of the legislature shall be deemed as a
20 person employed on a regular, halftime basis for purposes
21 of obtaining and maintaining coverage under the life
22 insurance plan administered by the department.

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1 **Section 2.** W.S. 9-3-201(a) and 9-3-203(a) by creating
2 a new paragraph (xvii) and by amending and renumbering
3 (xvii) as (xviii) are amended to read:

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5 **9-3-201. Group prepaid plans authorized; agreements**
6 **with insurance companies authorized; limitation on**
7 **authorized plans and companies; payroll deductions;**
8 **self-insurance programs; optional school district**
9 **participation in plan.**

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11 (a) The state of Wyoming and its political
12 subdivisions and school districts may obtain group prepaid
13 plans or insurance for life, health, accident or
14 hospitalization for their employees and for elected
15 officials, ~~except for members of the legislature,~~ and enter
16 into agreements with prepaid plans or insurance companies
17 to provide this coverage. Unless participation is based
18 upon employment, other qualifying status or holding other
19 office, members of the legislature shall not be eligible to
20 participate in the state employees' and officials' group
21 insurance plan except as provided in W.S. 9-3-220 related
22 to coverage under the life insurance plan administered by
23 the department. Insurance coverage for school district or

1 board of cooperative educational services employees meeting
2 the definition of employee under W.S. 9-3-203(a)(iv),
3 shall, if elected by the district or board under subsection
4 (e) of this section, be provided through the state
5 employees' and officials' group insurance plan in
6 accordance with W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-218. Insurance
7 coverage for retired school district or board of
8 cooperative educational services employees shall, if
9 elected by the board or district under subsection (e) of
10 this section and if the retired employee was continuously
11 covered under the board's or district's insurance plan
12 prior to the election, be provided through the state
13 employees' and officials' group insurance plan in
14 accordance with W.S. 9-3-202 through 9-3-218. If a school
15 district or board of cooperative educational services
16 elects to cease participation in the group insurance plan
17 pursuant to subsection (f) of this section, the election
18 shall apply to retired employees of that board or district
19 who are receiving coverage under this subsection.

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21 **9-3-203. Definitions.**

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23 (a) As used in this act:

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2 (xvii) "Member of the legislature" means a duly
3 elected or appointed member of the Wyoming legislature
4 commencing when the member's term begins if elected or upon
5 being sworn into office if appointed and until such time as
6 the member's seat is vacated as provided in W.S. 22-18-101
7 or the member's term ends;

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9 ~~(xvii)~~(xviii) "This act" means W.S. 9-3-202
10 through ~~9-3-219~~9-3-220.

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12 **Section 3.** This act shall not be construed to
13 prohibit participation or coverage of a member of the
14 legislature in the state employees' and officials' group
15 insurance plan if participation is based upon employment,
16 other qualifying status or holding of an office other than
17 as a member of the legislature.

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19 **Section 4.** This act is effective January 2, 2023.

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