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Present law provides for the powers and duties of the Office of Group Benefits (OGB).

Present law requires any new plan of benefits or the annual plan of benefits submitted under the direction of the commissioner of administration for the life, health, and other benefit programs offered through OGB or any professional, personal, and social services contracts other than contracts for legal services or actuarial services to be subject to review and final approval by the appropriate standing committees of the legislature having jurisdiction over review of agency rules for OGB.

Proposed law requires any change to the life, health, and other benefit programs offered through OGB that would increase the cost to the state by one million dollars or more annually and any contract for professional, personal, or social services, other than a contract for legal or actuarial services, to be subject to review and final approval by the Senate Committee on Finance and the House Committee on Appropriations.

Present law requires the implementation of programs or contracts offered through OGB to be adopted and implemented through the procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act.

Proposed law deletes present law.

Present law provides that any person with a developmental disability who acquired such disability prior to attaining the age of 21, with one parent whose coverage of such person was terminated as a result of lost employment of the parent and one parent who is an employee, as defined in present law, participating in life, health, or other programs sponsored by OGB, shall be covered as a dependent of such parent participating in life, health, or other programs sponsored by OGB, regardless of the age of the person with a developmental disability.

Proposed law provides that notwithstanding present law, OGB is authorized to offer group insurance coverage to a certain group of dependents (the spouse and child of the enrollee) as defined by proposed law.

Present law requires OGB Policy and Planning Board to use any official information provided by OGB Estimating Conference as may be necessary in the review and approval of benefits plans and proposed rate structures required by present law.

Proposed law retains present law except that OGB is required to use official information provided by the OGB Estimating Conference as may be necessary only in the review of benefit plans and proposed rate structures required by present law.

Effective August 1, 2018.

(Amends R.S. 42:802(D), 808(E) and 881(B); adds R.S. 42:808(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Senate and Governmental Affairs to the original bill

1. Adds that notwithstanding present law, OGB is authorized to offer group insurance coverage to a certain group of dependents as defined by proposed law.