The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by James Benton.

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<u>Present law</u> provides that for purposes of <u>present law</u>, a district public defender and his employees may participate in any group health insurance program that the parish governing authority offers to its employees and officials.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and also allows attorney contractors to participate in any group health insurance program that the parish governing authority offers to its employees and officials.

<u>Present law</u> provides that any district public defender office that chooses to participate in the group health insurance program is responsible for the employer portion of the health insurance premium, unless paid for by the parish governing authority through a separate intergovernmental or cooperative endeavor agreement.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and adds a third option for premium payment by the parish governing authority of a contract with the attorney contractor of the district public defender.

Effective August 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 33:5151(C)(1) and (2))