

2018 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 677

BY REPRESENTATIVE JACKSON

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES: Provides public defenders the option to enter the parish government's health care system

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 33:5151(C), relative to health insurance coverage offered by parish
3 governments to their employees and officials; to provide that the district public
4 defender and his employees may participate in such insurance coverage; and to
5 provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 33:5151(C) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §5151. Power to contract for group insurance; premiums

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10 C.(1) For purposes of this Section, a district public defender and his
11 employees may participate in any group health insurance program that the parish
12 governing authority offers to its employees and officials.

13 (2) Any district public defender office that chooses to participate in the
14 group health insurance program is responsible for the employer portion of the health
15 insurance premium, unless paid for by the parish governing authority through a
16 separate intergovernmental or cooperative endeavor agreement.

17 (3) The parish governing authority may in its discretion, pay public defender
18 employee premiums.

DIGEST

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HB 677 Engrossed

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Abstract: Authorizes a district public defender and his employees to participate in group health insurance programs offered by the parish.

Present law authorizes political subdivisions to contract with insurance companies to insure their employees and officials under policies covering hospitalization and to pay a portion of the premiums for such insurance.

Proposed law provides that for purposes of present law a district public defender and his employees may participate in any group health insurance program offered to parish employees and officials. Provides that the district public defender office is responsible for the employer portion of the premium unless paid for by the parish governing authority through a separate agreement. Authorizes the parish governing authority to pay public defender employee premiums.

(Adds R.S. 33:5151(C))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Municipal, Parochial and Cultural Affairs to the original bill:

1. Remove provisions that provide that the district public defender and his employees are considered employees of the parish.
2. Require the district public defender office to pay the employer portion of the health insurance premium unless paid by the parish governing authority.
3. Authorize the parish governing authority to pay public defender employee premiums.