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Present law provides for the Office of Group Benefits (OGB). Authorizes La. state agencies, public higher education entities, and public elementary and secondary school systems to provide group health insurance for their employees and the employees' dependents. Allows this authorized group health insurance to be provided through private contracts or self-funded programs, subject to OGB approval if the premiums are paid with state funds.

Proposed law retains present law.

Proposed law, applicable only if certain criteria are met, requires the employing agency to provide health insurance coverage beginning on the first date of employment.

Proposed law first-day coverage applies only if, on that date:

(1) The employee is assigned duties that must be performed in a gubernatorially or presidentially declared disaster area.

(2) The declaration of emergency specifies that the emergency involves risks to health or well-being of individuals engaged in certain activities.

(3) Among the risky activities are activities integral to the duties of the employee.

Present law requires OGB to promulgate rules to carry out the provisions of present law.

Proposed law retains present law and applies to require rules promulgation to carry out the provisions of proposed law.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Amends R.S. 42:851(E)(2); adds R.S. 42:851(V))