LOCAL EMPLOYEES. Adds contract attorneys of district public defender offices to group health insurance coverage offered by parish governments. (8/1/22)

AN ACT
To amend and reenact R.S. 33:5151(C)(1) and (2), relative to health insurance coverage offered by parish governments to their employees and officials; to provide that the district public defender and his employees or contract attorneys may participate in such insurance coverage; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:5151(C)(1) and (2) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§5151. Power to contract for group insurance; premiums

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

(2) 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 or by contractual
agreement with the attorney contractor.

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

DIGEST

Present law provides that for purposes of present law, 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.

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

Present law 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.

Proposed law retains present law 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))

Coding: Words which are struck through are deletions from existing law; words in boldface type and underscored are additions.