

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT

MADAM PRESIDENT and MR. SPEAKER: Your committee on conference on Senate amendments to **HB 2129** submits the following report:

The House accedes to all Senate amendments to the bill, and your committee on conference further agrees to amend the bill as printed with Senate Committee of the Whole amendments, as follows:

On page 2, following line 28, by inserting:

"Sec. 5. K.S.A. 75-6521 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6521. As used in K.S.A. 75-6521 through 75-6523, and amendments thereto:

(a) "Commission" means the Kansas state employees health care commission established pursuant to K.S.A. 75-6502, and amendments thereto.

(b) "Director" means the director of accounts and reports.

(c) "Employee" means any person who is an elected or appointed officer or any employee of the state in the classified service or unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act, other than persons who are employed on a seasonal or temporary basis.

(d) "Long-term care insurance" means any long-term care insurance policy ~~which that~~ is authorized to be sold in the state of Kansas.

(e) "Indemnity insurance" means any supplemental liability insurance policy that protects an individual against loss arising from a specific cause and that is authorized to be sold in the state of Kansas.

(f) "State" means the state of Kansas and any state agency as defined ~~in subsection (3)~~ of K.S.A. 75-3701(3), and amendments thereto.

Sec. 6. K.S.A. 75-6522 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6522. (a) The Kansas state employees health care commission shall offer ~~to all employees~~ long-term care insurance and indemnity insurance to all employees. The commission may enter into one or more group insurance contracts to provide such ~~long-term care~~ insurance.

(b) ~~The Kansas state employees health care~~ commission is hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into contracts with qualified insurers for the purpose of providing long-term care insurance and indemnity insurance. The commission shall advertise for proposals, shall negotiate with not less than three firms or other parties submitting proposals, and shall select from among those submitting proposals the firm or other contracting party to contract with for the purpose of entering into contracts for long-term care insurance and indemnity insurance.

(c) The provisions of K.S.A. 75-4317 ~~to through~~ 75-4320a, ~~inclusive~~, and amendments thereto, shall not apply to meetings of the ~~Kansas state employees health care~~ commission when the commission meets solely for the purpose of discussing and preparing strategies for negotiations for contracts for long-term care insurance or indemnity insurance.

(d) Contracts entered into pursuant to this section shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3738 ~~to through~~ 75-3740, ~~inclusive~~, and amendments thereto. Such contracts may be for terms of not more than three years and may be renegotiated and renewed. All such contracts shall be subject to the limits of appropriations made or available therefor and subject to the provisions of appropriations acts relating thereto.

(e) In exercising and performing the powers, duties and functions prescribed by this section, the ~~Kansas state employees health care~~ commission may adopt rules and regulations and enter into such contracts as may be necessary.

Sec. 7. K.S.A. 75-6523 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-6523. (a) The purchase of long-term care insurance and indemnity insurance by an employee shall be

voluntary, and the cost of such insurance shall be paid by the employee. The cost of such insurance for such employee shall be established by the Kansas state employees health care commission.

(b) Periodic deductions from state payrolls may be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by the secretary of administration to cover the costs of the long-term care insurance and indemnity insurance payable to employees. All moneys deducted pursuant to this section shall be remitted to the commission and deposited in the cafeteria benefits fund in the manner provided by K.S.A. 75-6513, and amendments thereto.";

Also on page 2, in line 29, by striking the first "and" and inserting a comma; also in line 29, after "75-3744" by inserting ", 75-6521, 75-6522 and 75-6523";

And by renumbering sections accordingly;

On page 1, in the title, in line 3, after the third semicolon by inserting "payroll deductions for indemnity insurance;"; in line 4, by striking the first "and" and inserting a comma; also in line 4, after "75-3744" by inserting ", 75-6521, 75-6522 and 75-6523";

And your committee on conference recommends the adoption of this report.

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Conferees on part of Senate

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