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Chapter No.: 17

Prime Sponsor: Management Council

Catch Title: Legislator participation in state benefit plans.

Subject: Legislator eligibility to participate in the state employees and officials group health insurance and deferred contribution plans

Summary/Major Elements:

- Under current law, legislators are not employees eligible to participate in the state retirement plan. This ineligibility was also clear for health insurance plans generally, but was not specified in the statutes for the state employees and officials group insurance plan.
- Eligibility to participate in the deferred compensation plan was not clear and recently the Attorney General opined that legislators could participate in that plan under current statutes and were entitled to the state contribution as the law was written.
- This bill specifies that legislators are not eligible to participate in the state employees and officials group insurance plan.
- The bill also specifies that legislators may participate in the state's deferred compensation plan, but they will not be eligible to receive the state contribution made for state employees.
- The bill specifies that its enactment does not affect eligibility of legislators to participate in the plans if that participation is based on status other than as a legislator (*e.g.*, a school district employee).

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