

Committee on Budget

HB 5009 — Health Insurance Benefits for State Employees

by Appropriations Committee and Rep. Grimsley

This bill places the state contribution to the Health Savings Account of participants in the High Deductible Plan in the statutes.

The bill authorizes the Department of Management Services (department) to implement a 90-day supply limit program for certain maintenance drugs through retail pharmacies participating in the prescription drug program if the department determines it to be in the best financial interest of the state.

The bill authorizes the University of Florida Board of Trustees, at its option, to implement the provision of state health or other self-insurance programs for its employees, students, and affiliated units, as determined by the Board of Trustees. The bill provides that such insurance coverage not be implemented prior to January 1, 2013. The plan must allow all employees retiring from the University of Florida after January 1, 2013, to participate. The bill provides that state funding for the insurance programs for active employees paid from Education and General Activity funds be determined based on the insurance premium rates established in the General Appropriation Act, as adjusted actuarially to account for insurance for retirees. It provides for review and approval of the necessary actuarial studies and budget transfers.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2012.

Vote: Senate 21-18; House 115-1