

SENATE BILL No. 258

By Committee on Ways and Means

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AN ACT relating to the Kansas state employees health care commission; requiring a report to the legislature regarding the feasibility of allowing counties to opt into the state employees health care benefits program.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. On or before January 13, 2002, the state employees health care commission established by K.S.A. 75-6501 *et seq.*, and amendments thereto, shall deliver to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, the chair of the senate committee on financial institutions and insurance and the chair of the house committee on insurance a report concerning the feasibility of allowing each county to opt into the state health care benefits program. In order to ensure that no action of the commission would disadvantage current participants in the state health care benefits program, the report shall contain:

(a) An assessment of risk factors to the state health care benefits program if county employees are allowed access on a voluntary basis;

(b) a projection of administrative costs associated with the expansion of the health care benefits program to county employees;

(c) an actuarial assessment of costs to counties associated with participation in the state health care benefits program;

(d) a recommendation, based on an actuarial assessment, whether retired county employees should be permitted to participate in the state health care benefits program;

(e) conditions under which a county may opt into the state health care benefits program; and

(f) the potential cost associated with implementation of the opt-in program.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.