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## **Section**

- 1 Certain counties joint agreements for insurance coverage. This section amends a 1985 session law that permitted specific counties and all political subdivisions within those counties, except Duluth, to offer group insurance or benefits jointly with a nonprofit organization. The amendment provides that notwithstanding specified statutes such a joint arrangement may provide the same health insurance coverage under the same plan and premium rates to member employers who have 50 or fewer employees. Provides that the permission is pilot project and expires at the end of the third full plan year following enactment.
- **Effective date.** Effective as a special law without local approval (August 1 next following final enactment).