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Overview

This bill involves service cooperatives, which operate on a regional basis to provide services to school districts and health coverage to some school districts and local governments. This bill permits them to also operate a health reinsurance and stop-loss pool, under the regulation of the department of commerce.

Section

- 1** **Educational programs and services.** Permits service cooperatives to provide health reinsurance and stop-loss insurance to school districts and local governments. Participation by school districts and local governments would be voluntary. Provides that the commissioner of commerce would regulate this under the regular insurance laws that apply to reinsurance and stop-loss insurance.
- 2** **Effective date.** Provides an immediate effective date.