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Overview

This bill requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) to provide legislators and legislative staff with the option of a health savings account (HSA) plan beginning in 2008. Currently, the LCC has statutory authority (see section 2 of this bill) for determining health insurance coverage for the legislature, "consistent with" the plan offered by the Department of Employee Relations (DOER) for state employees in the executive branch.

Section

- 1 Health coverage; health savings account plan.** Requires the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) to provide legislators and legislative staff with the option of health coverage consisting of a high-deductible health plan combined with a health savings account (HSA), by 2008. Directs the LCC to contract with a qualified entity to do that. Requires the high-deductible plan to offer preventive care without a deductible, co-payment, or other patient cost sharing to the extent permitted for high-deductible plans under federal law.
- 2 Legislative and judicial branch compensation.** Eliminates language requiring insurance benefits provided by the LCC to legislators and staff to be consistent with those provided by DOER.