

LEGISLATIVE HEARING CALENDAR

Positions to be taken by the City of Milwaukee on the following bills will be discussed by the

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY-LEGISLATION

MONDAY, June 16, 2003 AT 10:15 a.m.

Room 301-B City Hall

A-304 Health Care

Update on Governor's Budget

2003 ASSEMBLY BILL 304

April 29, 2003 - Introduced by Representatives McCORMICK, ALBERS, GIELOW, GROTHMAN, GUNDERSON, HAHN, HINES, JENSEN, KESTELL, KRAWCZYK, LADWIG, F. LASEE, LOTHIAN, MUSSER, PETTIS, SERATTI, STONE, VAN ROY, VRAKAS, VUKMIR, WEBER, WIECKERT and J. WOOD, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, HARSDFORF, KANAVAS, STEPP and WELCH. Referred to Committee on Insurance.

1 AN ACT *to renumber and amend* 62.61 and 66.0137 (5); *to amend* 40.02 (25)

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1 a state pool for the bulk purchasing of prescription drugs; disclosure of health
2 insurance claims experience of local governmental units; bids submitted to
3 local governmental units for health insurance; requiring the Commissioner of
4 Insurance to promulgate rules establishing uniform forms for local government
5 health care coverage requests for proposals and health claims experience and
6 summarizing benefits provided under health care benefit plans; and granting
7 rule-making authority.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill makes several changes to health insurance plans and other benefits offered to local government employees.

Collective bargaining

Under the Municipal Employment Relations Act (MERA), all matters relating to wages, hours, and conditions of employment are subject to collective bargaining. This bill provides that local governmental employers, with the exception of school district employers with respect to their professional employees, are prohibited from

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bill provides that included in this cost of living factor are the average housing costs and other costs significantly affecting the quality of life.

Health insurance plan study

This bill requires the Group Insurance Board to study the feasibility of developing a group health insurance plan with at least three cost levels and a low-cost health insurance plan that provides coverage for catastrophic illness or injury.

Long-term care insurance

Under current law, the Group Insurance Board offers to state employees a long-term care insurance plan in which a state employee may purchase for himself or herself or for his or her spouse or parent or spouse's parent long-term care insurance. This bill requires the Group Insurance Board to offer this insurance to other government employers and their employees.

Interagency task force on bulk purchasing of prescription drugs

The bill directs the Secretary of Administration to organize an interagency task force on bulk purchasing of prescription drugs. The task force must examine the following: which state agencies would benefit from the bulk purchasing of prescription drugs; which methods of purchasing prescription drugs would result in the greatest cost savings; whether the state should directly administer the bulk purchasing of prescription drugs or whether the state should contract with a private entity; whether combining prescription drug purchasing efforts with other states is feasible and cost effective; how local governmental units could participate in the bill.

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be provided for any period of time that is before 18 months before the date of the request. The insurer must provide the information within 30 days after receiving the request and may not charge for providing the information one time in a 12-month period but may charge for additional requests during that time period.

This bill does the following:

1. Requires a local governmental unit, which includes a city, village, town, county, school district, sewerage district, drainage district, and any other political subdivision of the state, that requests aggregate group health claims experience that an insurer is required to provide to notify DEG when the local governmental unit requests the information.
2. Requires an insurer to provide to DEG the aggregate group health claims experience information that it provides to a local governmental unit at the same time that the insurer provides the information to the local governmental unit.
3. Requires OCI to develop, by rule, a uniform form for insurers to use when providing aggregate group health claims experience information to local governmental units and requires insurers to use the form when providing the information to local governmental units and to DEG.
4. Requires DEG to make the aggregate group health claims experience information that it receives from insurers available to the public.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.
