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HOUSE BILL 17-1237

HOUSE SPONSORSHIP

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Crowder and Coram,

House Committees

Health, Insurance, & Environment

Senate Committees

A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE STATE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR'S AUTHORITY TO
102 ALLOW A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH BENEFITS
103 TO ITS EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP
104 BENEFIT PLANS.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

Health benefits are offered to state employees through the "State Employees Group Benefits Act" (act), which is administered by the state personnel director. The bill authorizes the state personnel director, or a

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
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designee, to enter into an agreement with any local government to provide health benefits to employees of the local government through the group benefit plans offered to state employees pursuant to the act.

The bill specifies that a local government is not required to offer health benefits to its employees through the group benefit plans offered to state employees pursuant to the act.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-50-619 as
3 follows:

4 **24-50-619. Group benefit plans - local governments -**
5 **definition.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, "LOCAL GOVERNMENT" MEANS
6 A COUNTY, CITY AND COUNTY, MUNICIPALITY, SPECIAL DISTRICT, SCHOOL
7 DISTRICT, OR ANY OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE.

8 (2) IN ADMINISTERING STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFITS
9 PURSUANT TO THIS PART 6, THE STATE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, OR HIS OR
10 HER DESIGNEE, MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ANY LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE HEALTH BENEFITS TO EMPLOYEES OF THE
12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE STATE EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFIT
13 PLANS. THE STATE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR, OR HIS OR HER DESIGNEE, MAY
14 PROMULGATE RULES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 24
15 AND MAY ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS, FINANCIAL OR
16 OTHERWISE, FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT
17 WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION.

18 (3) THIS SECTION SHALL NOT COMPEL A LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO
19 OFFER HEALTH BENEFITS TO ITS EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE STATE
20 EMPLOYEE GROUP BENEFIT PLANS.

21 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
22 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the

1 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
2 9, 2017, if adjournment sine die is on May 10, 2017); except that, if a
3 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
4 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act
5 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
6 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
7 November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
8 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.