

HB 270 -- STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS

SPONSOR: Burlison

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass by consent" by the Committee on Health Insurance by a vote of 10 to 0.

Currently, the state employees' health insurance benefit plan must provide full health benefit plan coverage to participants who are also eligible for and covered by Medicare. This bill requires the state employees' health insurance benefit plan to provide a health plan that offers coverage that is substantially similar to Medicare to participants who are eligible for and covered by Medicare as well as to participants who are eligible for but not covered by Medicare.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Net Income on General Revenue Fund of \$466,875 to \$933,750 in FY 2012, \$933,750 to \$1,867,500 in FY 2013, and \$933,750 to \$1,867,500 in FY 2014. Estimated Net Income on Other State Funds of \$100,725 to \$201,450 in FY 2012, \$201,450 to \$402,900 in FY 2013, and \$201,450 to \$402,900 in FY 2014.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that currently, retirees who are eligible for Medicare also receive a full benefit plan from Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan (MCHCP). By putting these retirees on a Medicare advantage plan, the state will save money; and the retiree will not have any reduction or change in coverage. The bill ensures that seniors will get the best health care and will maximize funds. Medicare is the payer of first resort and MCHCP is the second payer. This will allow the contracting out for a Medicare advantage plan.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Burlison; and Missouri Consolidated Health Care Plan.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.