

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1109

Introduced by Assembly Member Wilk

February 27, 2015

An act to add Section 8910 to, and to repeal Section 22810 of, the Government Code, relating to health benefits coverage.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1109, as introduced, Wilk. Legislature: health benefits coverage.

Existing law, as added by Proposition 112, adopted June 5, 1990, establishes the California Citizens Compensation Commission and requires the commission to establish the annual salary and the medical, dental, insurance, and other similar benefits of state officers, including Members of the Legislature. The Public Employees' Medical and Hospital Care Act, which governs health care coverage available to public employees, specifies that a Member of the Legislature is eligible to enroll in an approved health benefit plan, as defined, pursuant to that act.

Existing law establishes the California Health Benefit Exchange (Exchange) within state government, specifies the powers and duties of the board governing the Exchange, and requires the board to facilitate the purchase of qualified health plans through the Exchange by qualified individuals and small employers by January 1, 2014.

This bill would instead provide that the only health benefit plans available to a Member of the Legislature who is elected to or serving in office on or after January 1, 2016, with respect to his or her service as a Member of the Legislature, are health benefit plans that are offered through the Exchange. The bill would require the state to reimburse the Member of the Legislature for the cost of coverage in an amount not

to exceed the amount of the state employer's contribution for coverage for a Member as of December 31, 2015.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8910 is added to the Government Code,
2 to read:

3 8910. Notwithstanding any other law, the only health benefit
4 plans available to a Member of the Legislature who is elected to
5 or serving in office on or after January 1, 2016, with respect to his
6 or her service as a Member of the Legislature, shall be health
7 benefit plans that are offered through the California Health Benefit
8 Exchange. The state shall reimburse the Member of the Legislature
9 for the cost of coverage in an amount not to exceed the amount of
10 the state employer's contribution for coverage for a Member as of
11 December 31, 2015.

12 SEC. 2. Section 22810 of the Government Code is repealed.

13 ~~22810. A Member of the Legislature may enroll in a health~~
14 ~~benefit plan. The contributions of the member shall be the total~~
15 ~~cost of his or her coverage and the coverage of any family~~
16 ~~members, less the amount contributed pursuant to Section 8901.6~~
17 ~~by the state.~~