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HOUSE BILL 59

**55TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - SECOND SESSION, 2022**

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AN ACT

RELATING TO INSURANCE; AMENDING THE GROUP INSURANCE  
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS, CHARTER SCHOOLS AND  
PARTICIPATING ENTITIES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL INSURANCE  
AUTHORITY; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

SECTION 1. Section 22-29-10 NMSA 1978 (being Laws 1989,  
Chapter 373, Section 5, as amended) is amended to read:

"22-29-10. GROUP INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS.--

A. Group insurance contributions for school  
districts, charter schools and participating entities in the  
authority, ~~[shall be made as follows:~~

~~(1) at least seventy-five percent of the cost  
of the insurance of an employee whose annual salary is less  
than fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000);~~

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1                   ~~(2) at least seventy percent of the cost of~~  
2 ~~the insurance of an employee whose annual salary is fifteen~~  
3 ~~thousand dollars (\$15,000) or more but less than twenty~~  
4 ~~thousand dollars (\$20,000);~~

5                   ~~(3) at least sixty-five percent of the cost of~~  
6 ~~the insurance of an employee whose annual salary is twenty~~  
7 ~~thousand dollars (\$20,000) or more but less than twenty-five~~  
8 ~~thousand dollars (\$25,000); or~~

9                   ~~(4) at least sixty percent of the cost of the~~  
10 ~~insurance of an employee whose annual salary is twenty-five~~  
11 ~~thousand dollars (\$25,000) or more.~~

12                   ~~B.~~ within available revenue, ~~[school districts,~~  
13 ~~charter schools and participating entities in the authority may~~  
14 ~~contribute up to] shall be at least eighty percent of the cost~~  
15 ~~of the insurance of all employees.~~

16                   ~~[C.]~~ B. Whenever a school district, charter school  
17 or participating entity in the authority offers to its  
18 employees alternative health plan benefit options, including  
19 health maintenance organizations, preferred provider  
20 organizations or panel doctor plans, the school district,  
21 charter school or participating entity may pay an amount on  
22 behalf of the employee and family member for the indemnity  
23 health insurance plan sufficient to result in equal employee  
24 monthly costs to the cost of the health maintenance  
25 organization plans, preferred provider organization plans or

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1 panel doctor plans, regardless of the percentage limitations in  
2 the Public School Insurance Authority Act. School districts,  
3 charter schools and participating entities in the authority may  
4 pay up to one hundred percent of the first fifty thousand  
5 dollars (\$50,000) of term life insurance."

6 SECTION 2. APPROPRIATION.--Fifty-two million two hundred  
7 thousand dollars (\$52,200,000) is appropriated from the general  
8 fund to the public education department for expenditure in  
9 fiscal year 2023 to distribute to school districts, charter  
10 schools and participating entities in the public school  
11 insurance authority to pay for increased employer contributions  
12 for group health insurance. Any unexpended or unencumbered  
13 balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert  
14 to the general fund.

15 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.--The effective date of the  
16 provisions of this act is July 1, 2022.