

FINAL BILL REPORT

EHB 2123

Synopsis as Enacted

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Brief Description: Allowing insurance benefits for graduate service appointments.

By Representatives Jacobsen, Quall and Brumsickle; by request of Office of Financial Management.

House Committee on Appropriations

Background: Under state law, some graduate students serving appointments as teaching or research assistants may be subject to the mandatory health insurance coverage available at state expense to state employees. However, another law applicable to higher education institutions prohibits the institutions from providing health insurance benefits to students who do not pay for the insurance.

Summary: The law prohibiting higher education institutions from providing health insurance at state expense to students is changed so that the governing boards of the state's four-year college and universities may pay for "health benefits for graduate students holding graduate service appointments, designated as such by the institutions." The benefits may also be provided to the students' spouses and dependents.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 96 0

First Special Session

House 91 0
Senate 37 8 (Senate amended)
House 95 2 (House concurred)

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