

# SENATE BILL REPORT

## SB 6519

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As of February 5, 2014

**Title:** An act relating to the reporting of public school employees' insurance benefits.

**Brief Description:** Concerning public school employees' insurance benefits reporting.

**Sponsors:** Senators Litzow, Hobbs, Keiser and McAuliffe.

**Brief History:**

**Committee Activity:** Health Care: 2/06/14.

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### SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

**Staff:** Mich'l Needham (786-7442)

**Background:** The 2012 Legislature passed ESSB 5940 which was in regard to health benefits provided to school district employees. The Office of Insurance Commissioner (OIC) must collect detailed enrollment and financial information from school districts and health insurance carriers on the health benefit plans purchased by 295 school districts.

OIC must report to the Legislature annually, beginning December 1, 2013, with summary level information. The first report submitted in December includes a summary indicating there were 408 health plans purchased for 104,431 employees, or 211,053 total members including dependents, with combined premiums totaling \$1.04 billion for 2012.

Additional reports are required from the Health Care Authority (HCA), June 1, 2015, and the Joint Legislative Audit and Review Committee (JLARC), December 31, 2015. The agencies must complete detailed analyses of the school district purchasing and the claims data that are not available from the summary report. The data, information, and documents submitted to OIC are protected from public disclosure, and additional federal data protections have been applied. There have been concerns about sharing the data with HCA since the bill did not provide specific protections for the data in HCA.

**Summary of Bill:** OIC must share all data, information, and documents collected for the health benefit study with HCA. The data, information, and documents provided to HCA by OIC, a school district, a health plan providing school district benefits, or JLARC are exempt from public disclosure.

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**Appropriation:** None.

**Fiscal Note:** Not requested.

**Committee/Commission/Task Force Created:** No.

**Effective Date:** Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.