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LEGISLATIVE BILL 603

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1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to state government; to amend section 84-1603,

2   Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to require a high-deductible

3   health plan as an option under the group health insurance contract

4   for state employees; and to repeal the original section.

5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1   Section 1. Section 84-1603, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is

2 amended to read:

3   84-1603 The personnel division of the Department of Administrative

4 Services shall select, with the assistance of the Risk Manager and the

5 Chief Negotiator, one or more carriers or combinations of carriers

6 licensed to do insurance business in Nebraska to serve as administrator

7 of the insurance contract or contracts. Such selection shall be made

8 after open competitive bidding in which any carrier authorized to provide

9 the type or types of insurance coverage involved shall be eligible to

10 participate. The personnel division may develop bid specifications which

11 provide for various forms of plan design and funding methods, including

12 plans of self-insurance or any combination of such methods. The personnel

13 division may utilize such expert technical assistance provided by the

14 Risk Manager, the Chief Negotiator, and other state agencies or outside

15 consultants as may be required to establish and evaluate criteria for

16 selection of carriers. The insurance contract or contracts may be subject

17 to rebidding at any time after the inception of this program at the

18 discretion of the personnel division. Any contract for group health

19 insurance entered into or renewed on or after the effective date of this

20 act shall provide for the option of a high-deductible health plan.

21   Sec. 2.   Original section 84-1603, Reissue Revised Statutes of

22 Nebraska, is repealed.