



SENATE BILL 159: State Health Plan Administrative Changes.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Pensions and Retirement and Aging. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	March 29, 2021
Introduced by:	Sens. Krawiec, Burgin, Perry	Prepared by:	Jason Moran-Bates Committee Staff
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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 159 would make technical and clarifying changes to the State Health Plan.*

[As introduced, this bill was identical to H177, as introduced by Reps. Lambeth, McNeill, Hurley, which is currently in House State Personnel.]

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 of the bill would require the Board of Trustees to approve all State Health Plan (SHP) contracts with a value exceeding \$3,000,000. Currently the Board must approve contracts with a value exceeding \$500,000.

Section 2 of the bill would eliminate the prohibition on dependent children being eligible for coverage under the SHP if they are eligible on another employer-based health insurance, except for a parent's claim. It would also continue coverage for disabled dependent children past the children's 26th birthday as long as they were covered on their 26th birthday. Verification of disability must be provided to the plan no later than 60 days after the 26th birthday. Disabled children would also be eligible for coverage as dependents, even if they were also eligible for coverage as employees or retired employees.

Section 3 of the bill would give the Executive Administrator of the SHP the sole authority to determine whether internal appeals are subject to external review. If the appeal is not subject to external review, the Executive Administrator would have the authority to issue a binding decision on the matter. This section would also make conforming changes to the contested case provisions of Chapter 150B.

Sections 4 and 5 make technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This bill would be effective when it becomes law.

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