

## Session 118 - (2009-2010)

### S 0478 General Bill, By Reese

**Summary:** State Health Insurance Plan for Nonstate Employees

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9, CHAPTER 11, TITLE 1 SO AS TO ESTABLISH A STATE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN FOR NONSTATE EMPLOYEE INDIVIDUALS AND TO PROVIDE THAT EVERY RESIDENT OF SOUTH CAROLINA WHO FILES A STATE TAX RETURN IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN; TO REQUIRE THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD TO ADMINISTER THE PLAN AND TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR THE PREMIUMS; PREMIUMS PAID INTO THIS PLAN MUST NOT BE COMINGLED WITH STATE EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS, AND TO REQUIRE BOTH PLANS TO OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY OF EACH OTHER; TO AUTHORIZE PARTICIPANTS TO OPT OUT OR IN EACH CALENDAR YEAR; AND TO REQUIRE PARTICIPANTS TO PAY INTO THE SYSTEM THE FIRST YEAR BUT NOT RECEIVE INSURANCE BENEFITS IN ORDER TO COLLECT PREMIUMS AND CREATE AN ESCROW ACCOUNT FROM WHICH TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

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