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MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS	AND MEANS		
The meeting was called to order by	Bill Bunten at		
1:30 RXX/p.m. onWednesday, January 11			
All members were present except:			

Committee staff present:

Ed Ahrens -- Legislative Research
Lyn Entrikin Goering -- Legislative Research
Gloria Timmer -- Legislative Research
Sherry Brown -- Legislative Research

Jim Wilson - Office of Revisor Dave Hanzlick, Admn. Assistant Nadine Young, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Dr. Mike Harter, Secretary of Administration Senator Paul Hess Senator Tom Rehorn JoAnn Klesath, Executive Director of KAPE

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 P.M. by Chairman Bunten.

Discussion was held on a Draft Bill concerning the State Health Care Benefits Program (see attached).

Jim Wilson, Staff Attorney, reviewed the Proposed Health Care Bill with the Committee and explained the proposed amendments to the Draft.

Dr. Mike Harter, Secretary of Administration, spoke in support of the Draft Bill. He stated he would endeavor to hold the line on further increases in premiums for State and its employees. He called the present state paid premium "astronomical". (see attached)

JoAnn Klesath, Director of Kansas Association of Public Employees spoke briefly in support of the Draft Bill. She indicated that State employees are concerned about the rising cost to themselves as well as to the State of Kansas.

Several members of the Committee asked for further clarification on the proposed amendments. Those questions were answered by Art Griggs, Chief Attorney for the Department of Administration.

Representative Ed Rolfs moved that Amendment #1 to the Draft Bill be adopted. Seconded by Representative Miller. Motion carried.

Representative Hamm moved that Amendment #2 be adopted. Seconded by Representative Chronister. Motion carried.

Representative Duncan recommended the Committee pass on Amendment #3. Chairman Bunten instructed Representatives Duncan and Luzzati to meet with Jim Wilson for further clarification and that a Floor Amendment be prepared.

Representative Mainey moved that Amendment #4 be adopted. Seconded by Representative Lowther. Motion carried.

Being no further discussion, Representative Chronister recommended this Draft Bill be reported favorable for passage. Seconded by Representative Solbach. The motion carried to introduce the Bill with changes in the Draft.

It is the Committee's recommendation that Speaker refer this Draft Bill to Committee as whole.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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DRAFT BILL NO.

As Recommended by Special Committee on State Health Insurance

AN ACT establishing the state health care benefits program; 1 2 providing for the administration thereof by the Kansas state 3 employees health care commission; prescribing the composition and powers, duties and functions thereof; 4 5 amending K.S.A. 20-358 and 40-223 and K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4101, 75-4105 and 75-4106 and repealing the existing 6 sections; and also repealing K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4108, 7 75-4108a, 75-4110, 75-4113 and 75-4113a. 8

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

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New Section 1. (a) Within the limits of appropriations made or available therefor and subject to the provisions of appropriation acts relating thereto, the Kansas state employees health care commission shall develop and provide for the implementation and administration of a state health care benefits program.

- (b) The state health care benefits program may provide benefits for persons qualified to participate in the program for hospitalization, medical services, surgical services, nonmedical remedial care and treatment rendered in accordance with a religious method of healing and other health services. program may include such provisions as are established by the Kansas state employees health care commission, including but not for benefits, services covered, qualifications to limited schedules and graduation of benefits, conversion privileges, limitations on eligibility for benefits by deductible amounts, reason of termination of employment or other change of status, leaves of absence, military service or other interruptions in service and other reasonable provisions as may be established by the commission.
 - (c) The Kansas state employees health care commission shall

- designate by rules and regulations those persons who are qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program. In designating persons qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program, the commission may establish such conditions, restrictions, limitations and exclusions as the commission deems reasonable.
 - (d) The state health care benefits program established under this act shall be effective on and after August 1, 1984.

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- 9 New Sec. 2. (a) There is hereby established the Kansas state 10 employees health care commission which is composed of (1) the 11 commissioner of insurance, (2) the secretary of administration, 12 and (3) a representative of the general public appointed by the 13 governor, subject to confirmation by the senate as provided in 14 K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4315b.
 - (b) The member appointed under this section by the governor shall serve at the pleasure of the governor. Not more than two members of the commission shall be members of the same political party.
 - (c) The chairperson of the commission shall be designated by the governor. The commission shall meet at least once each calendar quarter and at such other times as may be required on call of the chairperson or any two members thereof.
 - (d) A quorum of the Kansas state employees health care commission shall be two. All actions of the commission shall be taken by a majority of all of the members of the commission.
 - (e) Members of the Kansas state employees health care commission attending meetings of such commission, or attending a subcommittee meeting thereof authorized by such commission, shall be paid compensation, subsistence allowances, mileage and other expenses as provided in K.S.A. 75-3223 and amendments thereto.
- New Sec. 3. (a) Except as otherwise provided by this act, all budgeting, purchasing and related management functions of the Kansas state employees health care commission shall be administered by the secretary of administration under the

- direction and supervision of the chairperson of the commission.
- 2 All vouchers for expenditures and all payrolls of the Kansas
- 3 state employees health care commission shall be approved by the
- 4 chairperson of the commission or by a person or persons
- 5 designated by the chairperson.
- 6 (b) There is hereby created the position of technical
- 7 administrator for the state health care benefit program. Under
- 8 the direction and supervision of the Kansas state employees
- 9 health care commission, the technical administrator shall provide
- 10 primary staffing assistance to the commission and perform such
- 11 other functions and duties as may be prescribed by the
- 12 commission. The technical administrator shall be in the
- unclassified service under the Kansas civil service act and shall
- 14 be appointed by the commission. Within the limits of available
- 15 appropriations, the secretary of administration shall provide
- such additional assistance as may be requested by the commission.
- New Sec. 4. (a) Subject to the provisions of appropriation
- 18 acts relating thereto, in developing and providing for the
- implementation of a state health care benefits program the Kansas
- 20 state employees health care commission may:
- 21 (1) Enter into one or more group insurance contracts to
- 22 provide coverage for all or part of the state health care
- 23 benefits program;
- (2) establish a self-funded program on an actuarially sound
- 25 basis to provide coverage for all or part of the state health
- 26 care benefits program and administer the self-funded program or
- 27 contract for all or part of the administration of the self-funded
- 28 program;
- 29 (3) provide for the self-administration of all or part of
- 30 the state health care benefits program;
- 31 (4) enter into contracts with one or more health care
- 32 providers for the provision of health care services;
- 33 (5) enter into contracts in accordance with the provisions
- of section 5 with one or more health maintenance organizations
- 35 for the provision of health care services; or

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- (6) any combination of the authority granted under this subsection (a).
- The Kansas state employees health care commission 3 hereby authorized to negotiate and enter into contracts with 4 5 qualified insurers, health maintenance organizations and other contracting parties for the purpose of establishing the state 6 health care benefits program, including the acquisition of 7 consulting and other services necessary therefor. The commission 8 shall advertise for proposals, shall negotiate with not less than 9 three firms or other parties submitting proposals, and shall 10 select from among those submitting proposals the firm or other 11 contracting party to contract with for the purpose of entering 12 into contracts for services related to the state health care 13 benefits program. 14
 - (c) Contracts entered into pursuant to this section, section 5 or section 10 shall not be subject to the provisions of K.S.A. 75-3738 to 75-3740, inclusive, and amendments thereto. Such contracts may be for terms of not more than three years and may be renegotiated and renewed, except that no contract with a term of more than 12 months may be entered into before August 1, 1985. All such contracts shall be subject to the limits of appropriations made or available therefor and subject to the provisions of appropriations acts relating thereto.

health employees New Sec. 5. The Kansas state in accordance with the provisions of section 4, may commission, contract to provide health care services of a health maintenance organization for persons qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program. The contract shall provide that coverage under the contract is applicable to those persons qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program as the commission determines feasible. This coverage may be available to such qualified persons as an alternative to other benefits under the state health care benefits program or part of the benefits provided to such persons under the program. The contract may include services for spouses and dependents of

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members at rates established in accordance with such contract. A contract to provide health care services of a health maintenance organization under this section shall be construed to be part of the state health care benefits program.

New Sec. 6. (a) The participation of a person qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program shall be voluntary, and the cost of the state health care benefits program for such person shall be established by the Kansas state employees health care commission.

(b) Periodic deductions from state payrolls may be made in accordance with procedures prescribed by the secretary of administration to cover the costs of the state health care benefits program payable by persons who are on the state payroll when authorized by such persons. Any such periodic payroll deductions in effect on an implementation date for biweekly payroll periods shall be collected in the manner prescribed by the secretary of administration.

New Sec. 7. (a) There is hereby created in the state treasury the health care benefits program fund. The cost of state health care benefits program, including the costs of administering the program, shall be paid from this fund. Kansas state employees health care commission shall remit all moneys received by or for the commission pursuant to the state health care benefits program to the state treasurer. Upon receipt of such remittance the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount thereof in the state treasury to the credit of the health care benefits program fund. All expenditures from the health care benefits program fund shall be made in accordance with appropriation acts upon warrants of the director of accounts and reports issued pursuant to vouchers approved by the chairperson of the Kansas state employees health care commission or by a person or persons designated by the chairperson. director of accounts and reports shall issue warrants pursuant to vouchers approved under this section for payments from the health care benefits program fund notwithstanding the fact that claims for such payments were not submitted or processed for payment from money appropriated for the fiscal year in which the fund

first became liable to make such payments.

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The pooled money investment board may invest and reinvest moneys in the health care benefits program fund in obligations of the United States of America or obligations principal and interest of which are guaranteed by the United States of America or in interest-bearing time deposits in commercial bank or trust company located in Kansas, or, if the board determines that it is impossible to deposit such moneys such time deposits, in repurchase agreements of less than 30 days' duration with a Kansas bank for direct obligations of, obligations that are insured as to principal and interest by, the United States government or any agency thereof. Any income or interest earned by such investments shall be credited to the health care benefits program fund.

New Sec. 8. (a) Each state agency which has on its payroll persons participating in the state health care benefits program shall pay from any moneys available to the agency for such purpose an amount specified by the Kansas state employees health care commission as the cost to the agency for the state's contribution for persons participating in the state health care benefits program, including an amount for the costs of administering the program.

(b) Payments from public funds for coverage under the state health care benefits program for persons participating in that program shall not be deemed a payment or supplement of wages of such person notwithstanding any other provision of law or rules and regulations relating to wages of any such person.

New Sec. 9. Commencing with the regular session of the legislature in 1985 and with each regular session of the legislature thereafter, the Kansas state employees health care commission shall submit to the president of the senate and to the speaker of the house of representatives, on the day the governor's budget report is submitted to the legislature,

recommendations with respect to the state health care benefits program together with estimates of the cost of the program proposed by the commission, including a five-year projection of Together with the recommendations the cost of the program. the commission shall include alternatives for cost submitted, containment and benefit coverage for qualified persons for both the proposed program and the five-year projected program. The commission shall also submit any recommendations for legislation with respect to the state health care benefits program.

New Sec. 10. (a) In exercising and performing the powers, duties and functions prescribed by sections 1 to 11, inclusive, the Kansas state employees health care commission may adopt rules and regulations and enter into such contracts as may be necessary.

- (b) The Kansas state employees health care commission may establish an advisory committee to advise the commission on matters relating to health care benefits of state officers and employees and to assist the commission in the development of policy with respect to such benefits.
- (c) The Kansas state employees health care commission shall maintain an ongoing study and review of the state health care benefits program in order to make necessary improvements therein and to make recommendations thereon under section 9.

New Sec. 11. The director of accounts and reports shall make periodic deductions from state retirement or other benefit payments to retired state officers and employees and other persons who are qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program for the costs of the state health care benefits program which are payable by such retired state officers and employees and other persons when authorized to make such deductions by the written, voluntary authorization of such retired state officers and employees and other persons. No such authorization shall be construed to be an assignment of any annuity, benefits, funds, property or rights of any person under K.S.A. 74-4923 and amendments thereto.

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Sec. 12. On August 1, 1984, K.S.A. 20-358 is hereby amended follows: 20-358. With regard to district court as officers and employees whose total salary is payable by a county, such county shall either provide for insurance coverage hospitalization, medical services, surgical services and other health services at least equal to insurance coverage provided to other state officers and employees pursuant-to-K-S-A--75-4108, and-any-amendments-therete, under the state health care benefits program or, if such district court officers and employees are designated by the Kansas state employees health care commission under subsection (c) of section 1 as qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program, shall pay the employer's costs for enrolling such employees under the same-insurance coverage-plan-provided-to--other--state--officers--and--employees state health care benefits program. In the event a county elects the latter type of insurance coverage, counties shall remit the employer and employee premiums to the director-of-accounts-and reperts Kansas state employees health care commission in accordance with the directions of said-director the commission, and counties may adopt the same type payroll deduction plan for employee premiums as provided in K-S-A---75-4108a---and-any amendments-thereto,--for--other--state--officers--and--employees; section 6. The provisions of K-S-A--75-4110-and-75-41137-and-any amendments--thereto, sections 1 to 11, inclusive, shall applicable to such employees in the same manner as other state officers--and--employees persons eligible to participate in the state health care benefits program.

Sec. 13. On August 1, 1984, K.S.A. 40-223 is hereby amended to read as follows: 40-223. Any person expersens-whe-shall make who makes any examination under the provisions of this act, except as provided in K.S.A. 40-110 and 40-253 and amendments thereto, may receive, as full compensation for such person's services, on a per diem basis an amount fixed by the commissioner, which shall not exceed the amount recommended by the national association of insurance commissioners, for such

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time necessarily and actually occupied in going to and returning from the place of such examination and for such time the examiner is necessarily and actually engaged in making such examination including any day within the regular workweek when the examiner would have been so engaged had the company or society been open for business, together with such necessary and actual expenses for traveling and subsistence as the examiner shall incur and-on account because of the performance of such services. For the purposes of this act, "necessary and actual expenses" shall be limited, whether for travel within the state or travel outside the state, to those limitations expressed in K.S.A. 1980-Supp-75-3207 and amendments thereto which pertain to official travel outside the state. The daily charge shall be calculated by dividing the amount the examiner is authorized by commissioner of insurance to charge per week by the number of days in the regular workweek of the company or society being examined.

All of said such compensation, expenses, the employer's share of the federal insurance contributions act taxes, the employer's contribution to the Kansas public employees retirement system 74-4920 and amendments thereto, provided K.S.A. in self-insurance assessment for the workmen's compensation act provided in K.S.A. 44-576 and amendments thereto, the single member-premium-under-the-group-health-insurance-plan-as--provided in--K-S-A----1980--Supp---75-4110-and-75-4113-and-acts-amendatory thereof-or-supplemental-thereto employer's cost of the state health care benefits program under section 7, and a pro rata amount determined by the commissioner to provide annual leave for the examiner not to exceed the number of days allowed state officers and employees in the classified service pursuant to regulations promulgated in accordance with the Kansas civil shall be paid to the commissioner of insurance by the insurance company or society so examined, on demand of the Such demand shall be accompanied by the sworn commissioner. statement of the person making such examination, setting forth in

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separate items the number of days necessarily and actually occupied in going to and returning from the place of such examination, the number of days the examiners were necessarily and actually engaged in making such examination including those days within the regular workweek while the examination was in progress and the company or society had closed for business, and the necessary and actual expenses for traveling and subsistence, incurred in and on account of such services. A duplicate of every such sworn statement shall be kept on file in the office of the commissioner of insurance. All moneys so paid to the commissioner of insurance shall be remitted to the state treasurer and the state treasurer shall issue duplicate receipts therefor, one to be delivered to the commissioner of insurance and the other to be filed with the director of accounts and reports.

1983 Supp. 75-4101 is Sec. 14. On August 1, 1984, K.S.A. hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4101. (a) There is hereby created a committee on surety bonds and insurance, which shall consist of the state treasurer, the attorney general, and the commissioner of insurance. The commissioner of insurance shall be the chairperson of the committee and the director of purchases shall be ex officio secretary. The committee shall meet on call of the chairperson and at such other times as the committee shall determine but at least once a month on the second Monday in each month. Meetings shall be held in the office of the commissioner The members of the committee shall serve without insurance. compensation. The secretary shall be the custodian of all property, records, and proceedings of the committee. Except as provided in subsection (b) and in K.S.A. 74-4925 and 74-4927, and amendments thereto, and in sections 1 to 11, inclusive, no state agency shall purchase any insurance of any kind or nature - any health-care-services-of-a-health-maintenance-organization or surety bonds upon state officers or employees, except as provided Effective on August 1, 1984, and except as in this act. otherwise provided in this section, health care coverage and health care services of a health maintenance organization for

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state officers and employees designated under subsection (c) of section 1 shall be provided in accordance with the provisions of sections 1 to 11, inclusive.

The Kansas turnpike authority may purchase group health and accident insurance or health care services of a health maintenance organization for its employees or members of the highway patrol assigned, by contract or agreement entered pursuant to K.S.A. 68-2025, and amendments thereto, to police toll or turnpike facilities, independent of the committee on surety bonds and insurance and of the provisions of sections 1 to 11, inclusive. Such authority may purchase liability insurance covering all or any part of its operations and may purchase liability and related insurance upon all vehicles owned or operated by the authority, and such insurance may be purchased without complying with K.S.A. 75-3738 to 75-3744, inclusive, and amendments thereto. Any board of county commissioners may purchase such insurance or health care services, independent of such committee, for district court officers and employees any part of whose total salary is payable by the county. Nothing in any other provision of the laws of this state shall be construed as prohibiting members of the highway patrol so assigned to police toll or turnpike facilities from receiving compensation in the form of insurance or health maintenance organization coverage as herein authorized.

Sec. 15. On August 1, 1984, K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4105 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4105. All surety bonds, and insurance contracts and-contracts-for-health-care-services-of a-health-maintenance-organization purchased pursuant to this act shall be purchased by the committee in the manner prescribed for the purchase of supplies, materials, equipment or contractual services under K.S.A. 75-3738 to 75-3744, inclusive, and amendments thereto. The director of accounts and reports shall not pay any premium or rate on any surety bond, or insurance contract or-contract-for-health-care-services-of-a-health maintenance-organization until the purchase of such surety bond

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or contract shall have been approved by the secretary of the committee. Surety bonds, or insurance contracts er-centracts-fer health--eare-services-of-a-health-maintenance-organization having a premium or rate in excess of fifty-dellars-(\$50) \$50 purchased hereunder shall be purchased on sealed bids as provided by law for the purchase of other materials, equipment or contractual services. Where more than one $\{\pm\}$ state agency is covered by any bond, or insurance contract er-centract-fer-health-eare services -- of -- a -- health -- maintenance -- organization, the committee shall prorate the cost of premiums or rates on any and all such bonds or contracts, except as provided in K.S.A. 75-4114 and K-S-A--1982-Supp--75-41987 and amendments thereto, purchased as charges upon the funds of the state agency wherein any covered state officers or employees are employed or covered property is located or controlled. Such prorated charges shall constitute a lawful charge by the committee upon the funds available to such state agency and shall be paid by each such state agency to the committee, or to the surety, or insurance carrier er-health maintenance--organization if the committee requires it, in the manner provided by law for the payment of other obligations Nothing--in--this--act--shall-prohibit-the such state agency. committee,-in-its-discretion,-from-renewing-a-group-insurance--or health--maintenance--organization--contract--or--contracts--which provide-for-hospitalization,-medical-services,-surgical--services or-other-health-services-or-any-combination-thereof,-and-all-such contracts--shall-be-contracted-in-accordance-with-K-S-A---75-3738 to-75-3744,-inclusive,-and-acts-amendatory-thereof-

Sec. 16. On August 1, 1984, K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4106 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-4106. All surety bonds, or insurance contracts and-contracts-for-health-eare-services--of a--health-maintenance-organization purchased shall be kept in the office of the secretary of the committee or in the office of his er-her the designated representative of the secretary. No bond or contract purchased hereunder may be canceled by the insurance or surety company, the health maintenance organization or the

- 1 committee during the term of such contract unless a substitute
- 2 contract upon the same terms and conditions covering the affected
- 3 officers, employees or property is in force, or the committee
- 4 determines that the officers, employees or property or class of
- officers, employees or property affected no longer requires the
- 6 coverage provided by the contract.

- 7 Sec. 17. On August 1, 1984, K.S.A. 20-358 and 40-223 and
- 8 K.S.A. 1983 Supp. 75-4101, 75-4105, 75-4106, 75-4108, 75-4108a,
- 9 75-4110, 75-4113 and 75-4113a are hereby repealed.
- 10 Sec. 18. This act shall take effect and be in force from and
- 11 after its publication in the Kansas register.

Statement by the Secretary of Administration to the House Ways and Means Committee in Support of a Revised Version of Senate Bill 12

Presented on January 11, 1984

Speaking for the Governor and the Department of Administration, I want to express our appreciation for the efforts of the Chairman, Representative Bunten, Senator Hess, Representative Luzzati, and Senator Rehorn in developing a compromise proposal which is reflected in the draft bill being presented to the committee today.

I sense a shared interest in the following objectives:

- 1. We must, if at all possible, reduce the costs to the State of Kansas of the health insurance program. Forty million dollars, give or take a few million, is an astronomical sum of money. Nothing would please me more than to be able to report to this committee a year from now that the Health Care Commission, if created, was able to reduce this outlay. It remains to be seen as to whether this goal can be achieved, but I am determined to try.
- 2. We must also endeavor to reduce, if possible, the costs of family coverage for state employees. That cost is presently about \$139 per month. The effect of that tariff for the employee is that a significant part of any salary increase they receive is taken from them by accelerating health insurance costs.
- 3. To accomplish both objectives, we need to canvass the nation for innovative health insurance programs, a process that we have begun in my office. The beauty of this draft bill, if I can put it that way, is that it would allow the health insurance commission to be imaginative and innovative.
- 4. The procedure in the future should be so structured that the Ways and Means Committees can review the outlines of a health insurance program before the

final appropriations decisions are made. I hope this will be possible because if I were sitting where you are, I would not like the present procedure in which the contract is negotiated after the session ends, allowing you no opportunity to approve or disapprove the projected terms of any contractual agreement on the substance of the health insurance program. If I am too ambitious in this respect, it is because I have a due regard for the Legislature's constitutional power to control the purse strings.

It is my understanding that because we share these objectives, the chairmen of the two Ways and Means Committees are willing to expedite this new version of Senate Bill 12, in whatever form it is amended by this committee, early in this session.

Thank you.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO DRAFT BILL ON STATE HEALTH CARE BENEFITS PROGRAM

Amendment No. 1

On page 2, in line 15, after the period by inserting the following: "A state officer or employee may be appointed as the member representative of the general public.";

Amendment No. 2

On page 4, in line 19, by striking all after "renewed"; in line 20, by striking all preceding the period;

Amendment No. 3

Alternative subsection (a) of section 8. (On page 6, see lines 17 to 24, inclusive):

(a) Each state agency which has on its payroll persons participating in the state health care benefits program shall pay from any moneys available to the agency for such purpose an amount specified by the Kansas state employees health care commission as the cost to the agency for the state's contribution to the state health care benefits program, including the costs of administering the program. The commission may charge each state agency a uniform amount for this purpose.

Amendment No. 4.

Alternative section 11 (on page 7, see lines 24 to 35, inclusive):

New Sec. 11. (a) Except as provided in subsection (b), the director of accounts and reports shall make periodic deductions from state retirement or other benefit payments to retired state officers and employees and other persons who are qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program for the costs of the state health care benefits program which are payable by such retired state officers and employees and other persons.

- (b) No deductions shall be made under this section in cases (1) where the retired state officer or employee or other person submits a written request in accordance with procedures prescribed by the commission that the deductions not be made, or (2) where the commission has directed that the deductions not be made.
- (c) No deductions made under this section shall be construed to be an assignment of any annuity, benefits, funds, property or rights of any person under K.S.A. 20-2618, 74-4923 or 74-49,105 and amendments to these sections.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO DRAFT BILL ON STATE HEALTH CARE BENEFIT PROGRAM

On page 2, in line 6, after the period by inserting the following: "Each person who was formerly elected or appointed and qualified to an elective state office and who was covered immediately preceding the date such person ceased to hold such office by the provisions of group health insurance or a health maintenance organization plan under the law in effect prior to August 1, 1984, or the state health care benefits program in effect after that date, shall continue to be qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program and shall pay the cost of participation in the program as established and in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the commission if such person chooses to participate therein."