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A BILL to require the Department of Human Resource Management to develop a health insurance

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program for employees of local school divisions similar to the program for state employees.

HOUSE BILL NO. 2107

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Referred to Committee on Appropriations

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

- 1. § 1. That the Department of Human Resource Management, with the assistance of the Department of Education, shall develop, implement, and administer the Public Schools Health Insurance Program (the Program), a statewide health insurance program for employees of local school divisions that shall be similar in plan design, premium structure, and administration to the health insurance program for state employees. Coverage under the Program shall be effective beginning July 1, 2016. Except as provided in § 3, the Program administered by the Department of Human Resource Management shall be the sole health insurance plan for local school divisions.
- § 2. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, each local school division shall be required to enroll in the Program unless such school division elects to exercise its rights as provided in
- § 3. Subject to the policies, procedures, and schedules promulgated by the Department of Human Resource Management, local school divisions may make a one-time, irrevocable election to opt out of participation in the Program.
- § 4. The Department of Human Resource Management shall develop policies and procedures for the enrollment of local school divisions and their employees in the Program and the one-time election to opt out of the program as authorized by § 3.