

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 382

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCFARLAND

INSURANCE/GROUP-STATE: Provides relative to the authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:802(D)(2), relative to the authority of the Joint Legislative
3 Committee on the Budget; to provide for the review and approval of certain contract
4 amendments by the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget; and to provide for
5 related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:802(D)(2) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §802. Powers and duties; Office of Group Benefits

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12 (2) Additionally, any adjustments to such contracts in the amount of one
13 million dollars or more shall require the review and approval of the ~~oversight~~
14 ~~committees~~ Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget before the modified contracts
15 may be implemented. Such adjustments shall indicate the fiscal impact to the plan
16 of benefits as well as the rate structure, if any, over the subsequent three years or
17 maximum contract period.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides for the authority of the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget

Present law requires the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget (JLCB) to review and approve any new plan of benefits or the annual plan of benefits for the life, health, and other benefit programs offered through the Office of Group Benefits. Also requires JLCB review and approval for any professional, personal, and social services contracts negotiated through the Office of Group Benefits.

Present law requires the oversight committees to review and approve any adjustments to those same contracts when the adjustment is one million dollars or greater. Proposed law changes the review and approval from the oversight committees to JLCB.

(Amends R.S. 42:802(D)(2))