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Bill Analysis
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BILL SUMMARY

- Requires those sickness and accident insurance policies, public employee benefit plans, and health insuring corporation contracts, that provide coverage for prescription drugs, to also provide benefits for the expenses of contraceptive devices and drugs requiring a physician's prescription.

CONTENT AND OPERATION

Certain health care policies, contracts, agreements, and plans required to cover contraceptive devices and drugs

(secs. 1751.661, 3923.601, and 3923.611; Section 2)

The bill requires those individual and group sickness and accident insurance policies, individual and group health insuring corporation policies, contracts, and agreements, and public employee benefit plans, that provide coverage for prescription drugs, to also provide benefits for the expenses of contraceptive devices and drugs requiring a physician's prescription.

Section 3901.71 of the Revised Code currently requires the Superintendent of Insurance to hold a public hearing to consider any new health benefit mandate contained in a law enacted by the General Assembly. A new mandate may not be applied to policies, contracts, and plans of insurance, until the Superintendent determines that the mandate can be applied fully and equally to employee benefit plans subject to regulation by the federal "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974," and to employee benefit plans established by the state or its political subdivisions, or their agencies and instrumentalities. The bill exempts its mandates from the review established by section 3901.71 of the Revised Code.

The bill applies to health insuring corporation policies, contracts, and agreements delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed in Ohio on or after the bill's

effective date; to sickness and accident insurance policies on or after the bill's effective date, in accordance with the definition of these policies in section 3923.01 of the Revised Code; and to public employee benefit plans established or modified in Ohio on or after the bill's effective date.

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