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To enact section 124.826 of the Revised Code to  
allow a political subdivision to participate in  
the same state health plan offered to state  
employees.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 124.826 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 124.826.** (A) As used in this section, "political  
subdivision" means a county, township, municipal corporation, or  
other body corporate and politic that is responsible for  
governmental activities in a geographic area smaller than the  
state.

(B) (1) A political subdivision may elect to participate in  
any health, medical, hospital, dental, surgical, or vision  
benefit the director of administrative services contracts for  
under section 124.82 of the Revised Code or otherwise provides  
for the benefit of state employees who are paid directly by  
warrant of the director of budget and management. A political  
subdivision that elects to participate in a benefit under this  
section shall notify the director of that election.

(2) A political subdivision that has elected to 20  
participate in a benefit under this section may cease 21  
participation by notifying the director. The political 22  
subdivision's election to cease participation is effective on 23  
the first day of the next benefit year. A political subdivision 24  
that ceases participation may subsequently elect to participate 25  
in a benefit by complying with division (B)(1) of this section. 26

(C) An employee of a political subdivision that makes an 27  
election to participate in a benefit under division (B)(1) of 28  
this section may enroll in a benefit by filing the election form 29  
developed by the director under division (D) of this section 30  
with the employee's political subdivision. The political 31  
subdivision shall forward the election form to the director. 32

(D) The director shall do all of the following: 33

(1) Prescribe procedures, in consultation with the 34  
director of budget and management, to administer benefits for 35  
political subdivision employees under this section; 36

(2) Develop the required election forms for employees to 37  
enroll, disenroll, or re-enroll in benefits under this section; 38

(3) Provide the election forms developed under this 39  
division to each political subdivision that elects to 40  
participate in a benefit under this section; 41

(4) Notify a political subdivision when its employee has 42  
enrolled, disenrolled, or re-enrolled in benefits under this 43  
section. 44

(E) The director of administrative services shall offer to 45  
political subdivision employees who enroll in benefits under 46  
this section the same cost-sharing arrangements, coverage 47  
options, contribution rates, and enrollment periods as are 48

offered to state employees who are paid directly by warrant of 49  
the director of budget and management under section 124.82 of 50  
the Revised Code. All or any portion of the cost, premium, or 51  
charge for the coverage under this section may be paid in such 52  
manner or combination of manners as the director determines and 53  
may include the proration of health care costs, premiums, or 54  
charges for part-time employees. 55

(F) To assist the director of administrative services in 56  
administering benefits for political subdivision employees under 57  
this section, each political subdivision that elects to 58  
participate in a benefit under this section shall coordinate 59  
with the director to facilitate enrollment and provide any 60  
information, including employee data, that the director requires 61  
to the director or a designated third-party administrator. 62

(G) Nothing in this section requires a political 63  
subdivision to elect coverage for the political subdivision's 64  
employees under this section or prohibits a political 65  
subdivision from offering similar coverage options under any 66  
other type of health benefit plan. 67

(H) The director of administrative services shall adopt 68  
rules in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Revised Code to 69  
implement this section and to address both of the following: 70

(1) The determination of the contributions and cost- 71  
sharing arrangements for coverage under this section; 72

(2) The administration of claims and benefits for 73  
political subdivision employees under this section. 74