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June 28, 2005 – Introduced by Representatives McCormick, Albers, Krawczyk, Townsend, Vrakas, Van Roy and Musser, cosponsored by Senators Darling, Risser and Harsdorf Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

AN ACT **relating to:** requiring the Group Insurance Board to prepare a report on offering group health insurance plans at different cost levels to local government employers and employees.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill requires the Group Insurance Board to study the feasibility of developing a group health insurance plan with at least three cost levels and a low-cost health insurance plan that provides coverage for catastrophic illness or injury.

For further information see the *state* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Nonstatutory provisions.

- (1) Group insurance board study.
- (a) The group insurance board shall consult with representatives of group insurance plans regarding the feasibility of developing the following plans for employers to offer their employees under section 40.51 (7) of the statutes:

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1. A group health insurance plan with at least 3 cost levels, for the purpose of
offering a greater choice of plans based on cost to employers and employees.

- 2. A low-cost health insurance plan that provides coverage for catastrophic illness or injury.
- (b) The group insurance board shall report its findings under paragraph (a) to the governor and to the legislature in the manner provided under section 13.172 (2) of the statutes no later than July 1, 2007.

8 (END)