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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2024

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RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- LABOR RELATIONS ACT

Introduced By: Senators Tikoian, Pearson, Gallo, Burke, LaMountain, Felag, Euer,  
Lombardo, Ciccone, and Britto

Date Introduced: January 12, 2024

Referred To: Senate Labor

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1           SECTION 1. Section 28-7-49 of the General Laws in Chapter 28-7 entitled "Labor  
2 Relations Act" is hereby repealed.

3           ~~**28-7-49. No limitation on healthcare benefit providers.**~~

4           ~~No collective bargaining agreement covering any group or groups of state employees,  
5 public school teachers, or employees of any city or town, ratified after August 1, 2008, shall specify  
6 that an employer must procure a healthcare benefit plan from a specific provider of such plans. The  
7 technical qualifications of the healthcare benefit plan, to be contracted for, shall not be framed or  
8 constructed in a manner designed to identify an exclusive provider of said healthcare services.~~

9           SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would repeal the law prohibiting collective bargaining agreements for state  
2 employees, public school teachers and municipal employees from requiring that an employer  
3 procure a healthcare benefit plan from a specific provider. It would allow governmental employee  
4 union contracts to contain specific references to specific health insurance companies.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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