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To enact section 124.824 of the Revised Code to 1
require the Department of Administrative Services 2
to make a high deductible health care plan 3
available to state employees and state elected 4
officials. 5

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

Section 1. That section 124.824 of the Revised Code be 6
enacted to read as follows: 7

Sec. 124.824. The department of administrative services shall 8
establish a high deductible health care plan as part of any 9
package of health care benefit options offered to state employees 10
and state elected officials who are paid by warrant of the 11
director of budget and management. The department shall make both 12
individual and family coverage available through the high 13
deductible health care plan. The high deductible health care plan 14
shall not increase the cost of providing health insurance to state 15
employees and state elected officials. 16

The amount of the premium or cost for coverage under the high 17
deductible health care plan contributed by the state, for an 18

individual or for an individual and the individual's family, shall 19
not exceed the amount of the premium or cost contributed by the 20
state for a standard deductible health care plan created under 21
division (A) of section 124.82 of the Revised Code. 22

An individual who has selected a high deductible health care 23
plan option shall establish a health savings account that 24
qualifies under section 223 of the Internal Revenue Code. The 25
state shall monthly deposit cash into the individual's health 26
savings account in an amount that equals eighty per cent of the 27
difference between the amount of the premium or cost contributed 28
by the state, for the individual or for the individual and the 29
individual's family, under a standard deductible health care plan 30
created under division (A) of section 124.82 of the Revised Code 31
and the amount of the premium or cost contributed by the state 32
under a high deductible health care plan created under this 33
section. 34