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GOVERNOR

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Secretary of State
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FL

Dear Secretary Byrd:

By the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Florida, under the provisions of Article III, Section 8 of the Florida Constitution, I do hereby veto and transmit my objection to House Bill 5015, enacted during the 127th Session of the Legislature of Florida during the Regular Session of 2025 and entitled:

An act relating to State Group Insurance

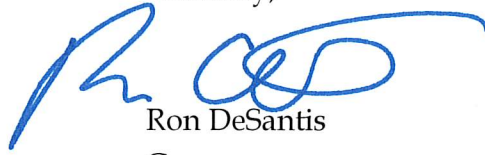
The State of Florida has historically provided access to comprehensive health care coverage at an affordable cost to state employees through the State Group Insurance Program (Program) – a benefit used by state entities to recruit and retain highly skilled employees in Florida’s competitive employment market.

HB 5015 will have a negative impact on state employee families’ cost and access to prescription drugs and supplies. The Department of Management Services (DMS) is continuously researching industry trends and opportunities to achieve cost savings while balancing member impact; however, a comprehensive analysis and implementation is not feasible in an abbreviated timeframe without an abrupt impact to state employees.

While I support DMS developing recommendations as required by the bill to reduce the rate at which costs are increasing, the implementation of the provisions contained in the bill will have a negative impact on thousands of Florida’s families. Therefore, the recommendations should be carefully evaluated, with all options available for review and approval by the entirety of the Legislature, not solely by a 14-member budget panel.

For these reasons, I withhold my approval of HB 5015 and do hereby veto the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Ron DeSantis', written in a cursive style.

Ron DeSantis
Governor