

## HB 527 -- OPEN ENROLLMENT PERIODS

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This bill specifies that any health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues individual health benefit plans that are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed must release and make available to the public its individual health benefit plan rates and designs no later than 45 days prior to the beginning of the annual enrollment period, in accordance with federal law.

Any health carrier or health benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans which are delivered, issued for delivery, continued, or renewed must accept applications during open enrollment periods through:

- (1) The last day of December for policies that will go into effect on the first day of January;
- (2) The last day of January for policies that will go into effect on the first day of February; and
- (3) The last day of February for policies that will go into effect on the first day of March.

These provisions do not provide the Department of Insurance, Financial Institutions and Professional Registration with approval authority over any health benefit rates or plans.