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### Union's insurance funds go into state account

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LINCOLN - The union representing **state** law enforcement officials agreed Wednesday to put funds used for its health insurance plan into a **state** account. **State** Treasurer Don Stenberg announced the agreement the day after **State Auditor** Mike Foley released results of an audit slamming the plan's management.

The health insurance plan covers about 500 **state** law enforcement officers and their dependents.

The plan is administered by the **State** Law Enforcement Bargaining Council, a labor union representing **state** troopers and some officials with the **State Fire** Marshal's Office and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.

Among Foley's concerns was about \$5 million a year in premium payments being held in the union's bank account. The funds are public money and should be in **state**-controlled accounts, Foley said.

Stenberg said the transfer should occur within the month.

He said it will not affect the amount of premiums, participants' health insurance coverage or the administration of the plan by the union.

The audit raised other concerns, including the use of \$1.2 million of health insurance funds to buy land and build a building in Lincoln.

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