SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5873

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators McDonald, Gaspard, Saling, Snyder, L. Smith, Johnson, Bauer, Rasmussen and Barr).

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to insurance coverage for retired and disabled
- 2 school district employees; and adding a new section to chapter 28A.400
- 3 RCW.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28A.400
- 6 RCW to read as follows:
- 7 (1) Retired and disabled school district employees may continue
- 8 their participation in any insurance plans and contracts after
- 9 retirement or disablement. The rates charged such retired or disabled
- 10 employees for health care shall be developed from the same experience
- 11 pool as active employees. These retired or disabled employees shall
- 12 bear the full cost of premiums required to provide the coverage. The
- 13 self-pay rates shall be established based on a separate rate for the
- 14 employee, the spouse, and the children. Rates for a retired or
- 15 disabled employee, spouse, or child who is eligible for and who elects

- 1 to apply for medicare shall be actuarially reduced to reflect the value
- 2 of part A and part B of medicare. Premiums for coverage under this
- 3 section shall be deducted by the department of retirement systems from
- 4 the monthly retirement benefit of the retired or disabled employee and
- 5 transmitted by the department to the appropriate insurance carrier.
- 6 (2) This section applies to:
- 7 (a) School district employees who retire or are disabled after the
- 8 effective date of this act;
- 9 (b) School district employees who retired within the eighteen-month
- 10 period ending on the effective date of this act; and
- 11 (c) School district employees who retired more than eighteen months
- 12 before the effective date of this act if they were covered by a school
- 13 district's insurance plan on January 1, 1991.