
SENATE BILL 5873

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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; adding a new section to chapter 28A.400 RCW;
3 making an appropriation; and declaring an emergency.

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.

14 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** The sum of fifty thousand dollars, or as
15 much thereof as may be necessary, is appropriated from the general fund
16 to the department of retirement systems for the biennium ending June
17 30, 1993, to carry out the purposes of this act.

18 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** This act is necessary for the immediate
19 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
20 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
21 effect immediately.