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By Senators Eide, Zarelli, Kohl-Welles and McAuliffe

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care coverage for retired or disabled  
2 school employees and retired state employees; adding a new section to  
3 chapter 41.05 RCW; and providing an effective date.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) Retired or disabled school district and educational service  
8 district employees, or retired state employees, who are receiving a  
9 retirement allowance under chapter 41.32 or 41.40 RCW as of September  
10 30, 1993, and their dependents may purchase health care insurance  
11 coverage from the authority under terms and conditions established by  
12 this chapter and by the board.

13 (2) Retired or disabled school district and educational service  
14 district employees, or retired state employees, who began receiving a  
15 retirement allowance under chapter 41.32, 41.35, or 41.40 RCW on or  
16 after October 1, 1993, may enroll in benefit plans under the authority  
17 during annual enrollment periods established by the board, with  
18 demonstrated continuous employer group medical coverage from the time  
19 they became retired or disabled.

1       (3) Retired or disabled school district and educational service  
2 district employees, or retired state employees, and their dependents  
3 shall pay the cost of premiums for the insurance offered by the  
4 authority. The authority shall charge as premiums, the cost to the  
5 authority of providing insurance coverage for retired or disabled  
6 school district and educational service district employees, or retired  
7 state employees, and their dependents, including any amounts necessary  
8 for reserves and administration. However, the amount of the premium  
9 charged to retired or disabled school district and educational service  
10 district employees, or retired state employees, on the date of  
11 enrollment shall be reduced by the amount of any existing subsidy.

12       NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect July 1, 2002.

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