(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Provides that any plan offered to public employees under chapter 41.05 RCW must offer each public employee the option of covering any unmarried dependent of the employee: (1) Under the age of twenty-five; or

(2) Under the age of thirty and a veteran, as defined in RCW 41.04.007, regardless of whether the dependent is enrolled in an educational institution.

Provides that any employee choosing under this act to cover a dependent who is: (1) Age twenty through twenty-three and not a registered student at an accredited secondary school, college, university, vocational school, or school of nursing; or

(2) Age twenty-four through twenty-nine, shall be required to pay the full cost of such coverage.