
SENATE BILL 6649

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By Senators Keiser, Fraser, McAuliffe, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and Rasmussen; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

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1 AN ACT Relating to health care coverage for retired or disabled
2 school employees and state employees; adding a new section to chapter
3 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) Under qualifications, terms, conditions, benefits, and
8 continuity of care requirements set by the board, retired or disabled
9 school employees and retired or disabled state employees who are
10 receiving a retirement allowance under chapter 41.32, 41.35, or 41.40
11 RCW as of January 1, 2001, and their dependents, may enroll in medical
12 and dental plans under the authority, provided they apply no later than
13 the end of the open enrollment period for the plan year beginning
14 January 1, 2011.

15 (2) Retired or disabled school employees and retired or disabled
16 state employees and their dependents shall be responsible for payment
17 of rates developed by the authority, and shall include any amounts
18 necessary for administration in accordance with this chapter. Premium
19 rates charged to retired or disabled school employees and retired or

1 disabled state employees and their dependents shall be based on the
2 experience of the community-rated risk pool established under RCW
3 41.05.022 and shall be reduced by the amount of the subsidy provided
4 under RCW 41.05.085.

5 (3) The authority may establish rules to implement the enrollment
6 opportunity under this section.

7 (4) Enrollment shall be processed on a first-come, first-enrolled
8 basis, subject to an enrollment cap reflecting twenty-five percent of
9 the eligible medicare retirees, as specified in the state operating
10 budget.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act takes effect January 1, 2010.

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