
SENATE BILL 6493

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By Senators Schoesler, Hobbs, and Holmquist; by request of Select Committee on Pension Policy

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1 AN ACT Relating to a study of disability benefit options for plan
2 2 and plan 3 members of the public employees' retirement system, the
3 teachers' retirement system, and the school employees' retirement
4 system; and creating new sections.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The Washington state institute for public
7 policy shall continue the study of long-term disability benefits for
8 public employees as authorized in section 105, chapter 564, Laws of
9 2009, during the 2010 interim for the limited purpose of continuing to
10 develop the options identified in the study, which included public
11 employees' benefits board programs, other long-term disability
12 insurance programs, and public employee retirement system benefits.
13 The institute shall report no later than November 17, 2010, new
14 findings and any additional recommendations on the options to the
15 select committee on pension policy, the senate committee on ways and
16 means, and the house committee on ways and means.

17 For the options that directly impact the public employees' benefits
18 board, the health care authority shall coordinate analysis and
19 recommendations with its contracted disability vendor and appropriate

1 stakeholders. The health care authority shall institute an improved
2 communication program to increase awareness of the importance of
3 participating in the employer's optional long-term disability insurance
4 plan. The health care authority shall report on its activities,
5 findings, and recommendations no later than November 17, 2010, to the
6 select committee on pension policy, the senate committee on ways and
7 means, and the house committee on ways and means.

8 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** If specific funding for the purposes of this
9 act, referencing this act by bill or chapter number, is not provided by
10 June 30, 2010, in the omnibus appropriations act, this act is null and
11 void.

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