
SENATE BILL 5654

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By Senators Fraser and Keiser

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1 AN ACT Relating to allowing certain retirees to participate in the
2 insurance programs under chapter 41.05 RCW; and amending RCW 41.04.205.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.04.205 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 6 s 8 are each amended
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of RCW 41.04.180, the employees,
7 with their dependents, of any county, municipality, or other political
8 subdivision of this state shall be eligible to participate in any
9 insurance or self-insurance program for employees administered under
10 chapter 41.05 RCW if the legislative authority of any such county,
11 municipality, or other political subdivisions of this state determines,
12 subject to collective bargaining under applicable statutes, a transfer
13 to an insurance or self-insurance program administered under chapter
14 41.05 RCW should be made. In the event of a special district employee
15 transfer pursuant to this section, members of the governing authority
16 shall be eligible to be included in such transfer if such members are
17 authorized by law as of June 25, 1976 to participate in the insurance
18 program being transferred from and subject to payment by such members
19 of all costs of insurance for members. In the event a retiree of a

1 county, municipality, or other political subdivision of the state
2 requests to participate in any insurance or self-insurance program
3 administered under chapter 41.05 RCW, the county, municipality, or
4 political subdivision shall make an application on behalf of the
5 retiree.

6 (2) When the legislative authority of a county, municipality, or
7 other political subdivision determines to so transfer, the state health
8 care authority shall:

9 (a) Establish the conditions for participation; and

10 (b) Have the sole right to reject the application.

11 Approval of the application by the state health care authority
12 shall effect a transfer of the employees involved to the insurance,
13 self-insurance, or health care program applied for.

14 (3) Any application of this section to members of the law
15 enforcement officers' and firefighters' retirement system under chapter
16 41.26 RCW is subject to chapter 41.56 RCW.

17 (4) School districts may voluntarily transfer, except that all
18 eligible employees in a bargaining unit of a school district may
19 transfer only as a unit and all nonrepresented employees in a district
20 may transfer only as a unit.

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