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**HOUSE BILL 1040**

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**By** Representatives Dolan, Bateman, Ortiz-Self, Lekanoff, Harris, Goodman, Callan, Santos, Bergquist, and Pollet

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

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  
6 RCW to read as follows:

7 (1) Under qualifications, terms, conditions, benefits, and  
8 continuity of care requirements set by the public employees' benefits  
9 board, retired or disabled school employees who are receiving a  
10 retirement allowance under chapter 41.32 RCW as of January 1, 2002,  
11 and their dependents, may enroll in medical and dental plans under  
12 the authority, provided they apply no later than the end of the open  
13 enrollment period for the plan year beginning January 1, 2022.

14 (2) Retired or disabled school employees and their dependents are  
15 responsible for payment of rates developed by the authority, and must  
16 include any amounts necessary for administration in accordance with  
17 this chapter. Premium rates charged to retired or disabled school  
18 employees and retired or disabled state employees and their  
19 dependents shall be based on the experience of the community-rated  
20 risk pools established under RCW 41.05.022 and 41.05.080 and must be  
21 reduced by the amount of the subsidy provided under RCW 41.05.085.

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

3           (4) Enrollment must be processed on a first-come, first-enrolled  
4 basis, subject to an enrollment cap reflecting 25 percent of the  
5 eligible medicare retirees, as specified in the state operating  
6 budget.

7           NEW SECTION.   **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate  
8 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of  
9 the state government and its existing public institutions, and takes  
10 effect immediately.

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