

FINAL BILL REPORT

SB 6094

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Aligning statutory language concerning the retired state employee and retired or disabled school employee health insurance subsidy with the historical interpretation and implementation of the relevant subsidy language in the operating budget.

Sponsors: Senator Robinson; by request of Health Care Authority.

Senate Committee on Ways & Means
House Committee on Appropriations

Background: The Public Employee Benefits Board, within the Health Care Authority (HCA), offers eligible retired and disabled employees with optional retiree health care. The cost of retiree premiums is reduced by up to 50 percent of the total cost by the prescription drug subsidy. The amount of the subsidy is set by the Legislature and is currently set at up to \$183 per member per month. This subsidy is currently applied to all the Medicare eligible plans available to retirees, including the Medicare supplements.

Summary: The prescription drug subsidy is expanded to reduce the cost of both medical and prescription drug premiums. Language authorizing HCA to establish a separate subsidy to reduce the premiums for Medicare supplements is removed.

These changes are consistent with how the retiree health care subsidy is currently administered.

Votes on Final Passage:

Senate	48	0
House	96	0

Effective: June 6, 2024

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