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**SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1971**

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**State of Washington**

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**By** House Committee on Appropriations (originally sponsored by Representatives Bush, Lambert, Carrell, Talcott, Johnson, Hickel, Cody, Linville, Mitchell, Delvin, Mulliken, Veloria, Zellinsky, Thompson, Smith, Tokuda, Koster, Sherstad, Cole, Mastin, D. Schmidt and Backlund)

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1 AN ACT Relating to preventing double payment for insurance benefits  
2 for teachers who are members of the legislature; adding new sections to  
3 chapter 44.04 RCW; adding a new section to chapter 41.05 RCW; and  
4 declaring an emergency.

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

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8 The chief clerk of the house of representatives and the secretary  
9 of the senate shall prepare vouchers for the state treasurer for sums  
10 covering amounts due a school district for any teacher who is on a  
11 leave of absence as a legislator, and who has chosen to continue  
12 insurance benefits provided by the school district, in lieu of  
13 insurance benefits provided to that legislator as a state employee.  
14 The amount of reimbursement due the school district is for the actual  
15 cost of continuing benefits, but may not exceed the cost of the  
16 insurance benefits package that would otherwise be provided through the  
17 health care authority.

1        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 2.**    A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW  
2 to read as follows:

3        The authority shall adopt rules that provide for members of the  
4 legislature who choose reimbursement under section 1 of this act in  
5 lieu of insurance benefits under this chapter.

6        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 3.**    A new section is added to chapter 44.04 RCW  
7 to read as follows:

8        Upon presentation to the state treasurer of a warrant issued by the  
9 treasurer and drawn for the purposes under section 1 of this act, the  
10 treasurer shall pay the amount necessary from appropriated funds. If  
11 sufficient funds have not been appropriated, the treasurer shall  
12 endorse the warrant and the warrant draws interest from the date of the  
13 endorsement until paid.

14        NEW SECTION.    **Sec. 4.**    This act is necessary for the immediate  
15 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the  
16 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect  
17 immediately.

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