CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 3053

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DISTRIBUTION OPTIONS UNDER TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, PLAN III

EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/23/98

Passed by the House February 16, 1998
Yeas 98  Nays 0

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1998
Yeas 42  Nays 0

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is HOUSE BILL 3053 as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BRAD OWEN
President of the Senate

Approved March 23, 1998

GARY LOCKE
Governor of the State of Washington

TIMOTHY A. MARTIN
Chief Clerk

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SECRETARY OF STATE
State of Washington
AN ACT Relating to distribution options for members of teachers’
retirement system, plan III; amending RCW 41.34.070; and declaring an
emergency.

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

Sec. 1. RCW 41.34.070 and 1995 c 239 s 207 are each amended to
read as follows:

(1) If the member retires, becomes disabled, or otherwise
terminates employment, the balance in the member’s account may be
distributed in accordance with an option selected by the member either
as a lump sum or pursuant to other options authorized by the board.

(2) If the member dies while in service, the balance of the
member’s account may be distributed in accordance with an option
selected by the member either as a lump sum or pursuant to other
options authorized by the board. The distribution shall be made to
such person or persons as the member shall have nominated by written
designation duly executed and filed with the department. If there be
no such designated person or persons still living at the time of the
member’s death, the balance of the member’s account in the retirement
system, less any amount identified as owing to an obligee upon
withdrawal of such account balance pursuant to a court order filed under RCW 41.50.670, shall be paid to the member’s surviving spouse as if in fact such spouse had been nominated by written designation, or if there is no surviving spouse, then to such person or persons, trust, or organization as the member shall have nominated by written designation duly executed and filed with the department.

(3) If a member has a terminal illness and terminates from employment, the member may choose to have the balance in the member’s account distributed as a lump sum payment based on the most recent valuation in order to expedite the distribution. The department shall make this payment within ten working days after receipt of notice of termination of employment, documentation verifying the terminal illness, and an application for payment.

(4) The distribution under subsections (1), (2), or (3) of this section shall be less any amount identified as owing to an obligee upon withdrawal pursuant to a court order filed under RCW 41.50.670.

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

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