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Brief Title: Providing state employee benefits for domestic partners.

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Provides that a state employee may designate a person as a domestic partner by providing an affidavit in a form prescribed by the administrator in which the employee attests that: (1) The employee is participating in a domestic partnership;

(2) the employee and the domestic partner: (a) share the same regular and permanent residence; (b) have a close personal relationship; (c) have agreed to be jointly responsible for basic living expenses incurred during the domestic partnership; (d) are not married to anyone; (e) are each eighteen years of age or older; (f) are not related to each other by blood closer than would bar marriage in this state; (g) were mentally competent to consent to contract when their domestic partnership began; and (h) are each other's sole domestic partner and are responsible for each other's common welfare; and

(3) any prior domestic partnership in which the employee or his or her domestic partner participated with a third party was terminated not less than ninety days prior to the date of the affidavit, or by the death of that third party, whichever was earlier.