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1            AN ACT Relating to retired or disabled school employee  
2 participation in state health insurance plans; and amending RCW  
3 41.05.080.

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

5            **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.05.080 and 2001 c 165 s 3 are each amended to read  
6 as follows:

7            (1) Under the qualifications, terms, conditions, and benefits set  
8 by the board:

9            (a) Retired or disabled state employees, retired or disabled school  
10 employees, or employees of county, municipal, or other political  
11 subdivisions covered by this chapter who are retired may continue their  
12 participation in insurance plans and contracts after retirement or  
13 disablement;

14            (b) Separated employees may continue their participation in  
15 insurance plans and contracts if participation is selected immediately  
16 upon separation from employment;

17            (c) Retired or disabled school employees who do not immediately  
18 enroll in a medical plan developed by the board at the time of

1 separation from employment may later enroll by providing proof of  
2 continuous coverage through other comprehensive employer group medical  
3 coverage;

4 (d) Surviving spouses and dependent children of emergency service  
5 personnel killed in the line of duty may participate in insurance plans  
6 and contracts.

7 (2) Rates charged surviving spouses of emergency service personnel  
8 killed in the line of duty, retired or disabled employees, separated  
9 employees, spouses, or dependent children who are not eligible for  
10 parts A and B of medicare shall be based on the experience of the  
11 community rated risk pool established under RCW 41.05.022.

12 (3) Rates charged to surviving spouses of emergency service  
13 personnel killed in the line of duty, retired or disabled employees,  
14 separated employees, spouses, or children who are eligible for parts A  
15 and B of medicare shall be calculated from a separate experience risk  
16 pool comprised only of individuals eligible for parts A and B of  
17 medicare; however, the premiums charged to medicare-eligible retirees  
18 and disabled employees shall be reduced by the amount of the subsidy  
19 provided under RCW 41.05.085.

20 (4) Surviving spouses and dependent children of emergency service  
21 personnel killed in the line of duty and retired or disabled and  
22 separated employees shall be responsible for payment of premium rates  
23 developed by the authority which shall include the cost to the  
24 authority of providing insurance coverage including any amounts  
25 necessary for reserves and administration in accordance with this  
26 chapter. These self pay rates will be established based on a separate  
27 rate for the employee, the spouse, and the children.

28 (5) The term "retired state employees" for the purpose of this  
29 section shall include but not be limited to members of the legislature  
30 whether voluntarily or involuntarily leaving state office.

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