

SHB 2245 - H AMD 236

By Representative Williams

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1 On page 5, after line 34, insert the following:

2 "(23) "Retired plan 2 law enforcement officer or firefighter"
3 means:

4 (a) A person who separated from employment with a county,
5 municipality, special district, or other political subdivision of the
6 state and is receiving a plan 2 retirement allowance under chapter
7 41.26 RCW before July 1, 2009; or

8 (b) A person who separated from employment with a county,
9 municipality, special district, or other political subdivision of the
10 state on or after July 1, 2009, and immediately upon separation
11 receives a plan 2 retirement allowance under chapter 41.26 RCW."

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13 On page 9, after line 31, insert the following:

14 "**Sec. 5.** RCW 41.05.022 and 1995 1st sp.s. c 6 s 3 are each
15 amended to read as follows:

16 (1) The health care authority is hereby designated as the single
17 state agent for purchasing health services.

18 (2) On and after January 1, 1995, at least the following state-
19 purchased health services programs shall be merged into a single,
20 community-rated risk pool: Health benefits for groups of employees of
21 school districts and educational service districts that voluntarily
22 purchase health benefits as provided in RCW 41.05.011; health benefits
23 for state employees; health benefits for eligible retired or disabled
24 school employees not eligible for parts A and B of medicare; health
25 benefits for eligible retired plan 2 law enforcement officers or
26 firefighters not eligible for parts A and B of medicare; and health

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1 benefits for eligible state retirees not eligible for parts A and B of
2 medicare.

3 (3) At a minimum, and regardless of other legislative enactments,
4 the state health services purchasing agent shall:

5 (a) Require that a public agency that provides subsidies for a
6 substantial portion of services now covered under the basic health
7 plan use uniform eligibility processes, insofar as may be possible,
8 and ensure that multiple eligibility determinations are not required;

9 (b) Require that a health care provider or a health care facility
10 that receives funds from a public program provide care to state
11 residents receiving a state subsidy who may wish to receive care from
12 them, and that an insuring entity that receives funds from a public
13 program accept enrollment from state residents receiving a state
14 subsidy who may wish to enroll with them;

15 (c) Strive to integrate purchasing for all publicly sponsored
16 health services in order to maximize the cost control potential and
17 promote the most efficient methods of financing and coordinating
18 services;

19 (d) Consult regularly with the governor, the legislature, and
20 state agency directors whose operations are affected by the
21 implementation of this section; and

22 (e) Ensure the control of benefit costs under managed competition
23 by adopting rules to prevent employers from entering into an agreement
24 with employees or employee organizations when the agreement would
25 result in increased utilization in public employees' benefits board
26 plans or reduce the expected savings of managed competition."
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28 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct the
29 title.

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31 On page 19, after line 38, insert the following:

32 "**Sec. 8.** RCW 41.05.080 and 2007 c 114 s 6 are each amended to
33 read as follows:

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

3 (a) Retired or disabled state employees, retired or disabled
4 school employees, retired or disabled employees of county, municipal,
5 or other political subdivisions, or retired or disabled employees of
6 tribal governments covered by this chapter may continue their
7 participation in insurance plans and contracts after retirement or
8 disablement;

9 (b) Separated employees may continue their participation in
10 insurance plans and contracts if participation is selected immediately
11 upon separation from employment;

12 (c) Surviving spouses and dependent children of emergency service
13 personnel killed in the line of duty may participate in insurance
14 plans and contracts;

15 (d) Retired plan 2 law enforcement officers or firefighters may
16 participate in insurance plans and contracts.

17 (2) Rates charged surviving spouses of emergency service personnel
18 killed in the line of duty, retired plan 2 law enforcement officers or
19 firefighters, retired or disabled employees, separated employees,
20 spouses, or dependent children who are not eligible for parts A and B
21 of medicare shall be based on the experience of the community rated
22 risk pool established under RCW 41.05.022.

23 (3) Rates charged to surviving spouses of emergency service
24 personnel killed in the line of duty, retired plan 2 law enforcement
25 officers or firefighters, retired or disabled employees, separated
26 employees, spouses, or children who are eligible for parts A and B of
27 medicare shall be calculated from a separate experience risk pool
28 comprised only of individuals eligible for parts A and B of medicare;
29 however, the premiums charged to medicare-eligible retirees and
30 disabled employees shall be reduced by the amount of the subsidy
31 provided under RCW 41.05.085.

32 (4) Surviving spouses and dependent children of emergency service
33 personnel killed in the line of duty, retired plan 2 law enforcement
34 officers or firefighters, and retired or disabled and separated

1 employees shall be responsible for payment of premium rates developed
2 by the authority which shall include the cost to the authority of
3 providing insurance coverage including any amounts necessary for
4 reserves and administration in accordance with this chapter. These
5 self pay rates will be established based on a separate rate for the
6 employee, the spouse, and the children.

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

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11 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively and correct the
12 title.

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EFFECT: Makes retired members of the Law Enforcement Officers'
and Firefighters' Retirement System Plan 2 eligible for
participation in the Public Employees' Benefits Board (PEBB)
health insurance plans administered by the Health Care Authority.
Retirees and dependents not eligible for Medicare are authorized
to participate in the community rated risk pool with active state
employees and pre-Medicare state and K-12 employees. Retirees and
dependents eligible for Medicare will receive the same premium
subsidy for the PEBB plans as Medicare-eligible state and K-12
employees.

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