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SENATE BILL 6141

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By Senators Talmadge, Moyer, Gaspard, Sellar, Wojahn and Winsley

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1 AN ACT Relating to composition of the public employees' benefits  
2 board; amending RCW 41.05.055; and declaring an emergency.

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

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 41.05.055 and 1993 c 492 s 217 are each amended to  
5 read as follows:

6 (1) The public employees' benefits board is created within the  
7 authority. The function of the board is to design and approve  
8 insurance benefit plans for state employees and school district  
9 employees.

10 (2) (~~Effective January 1, 1995,~~) The board shall be composed of  
11 nine members appointed by the governor as follows:

12 (a) Two representatives of state employees, one of whom shall  
13 represent an employee union certified as exclusive representative of at  
14 least one bargaining unit of classified employees, and one of whom is  
15 retired, is covered by a program under the jurisdiction of the board,  
16 and represents an organized group of retired public employees;

17 (b) Two representatives of school district employees, one of whom  
18 shall represent an association of school employees and one of whom is  
19 retired, and represents an organized group of retired school employees;

1 (c) Four members with experience in health benefit management and  
2 cost containment; and

3 (d) The administrator.

4 (~~Prior to January 1, 1995, the composition of the public~~  
5 ~~employees' benefits board shall reflect its composition on January 1,~~  
6 ~~1993.~~)

7 (3) The governor shall appoint the initial members of the board to  
8 staggered terms not to exceed four years. Members appointed thereafter  
9 shall serve two-year terms. Members of the board shall be compensated  
10 in accordance with RCW 43.03.250 and shall be reimbursed for their  
11 travel expenses while on official business in accordance with RCW  
12 43.03.050 and 43.03.060. The board shall prescribe rules for the  
13 conduct of its business. The administrator shall serve as chair of the  
14 board. Meetings of the board shall be at the call of the chair.

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

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