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Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President of the Senate

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CERTIFICATE

I, Alan Thompson, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1973** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

ALAN THOMPSON

Chief Clerk

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AN ACT Relating to retirement eligibility for plan I members of the teachers' and public employees' retirement systems who submitted late applications for early retirement; amending RCW 43.01.170 and 28A.400.212; amending 1992 c 234 s 6 (uncodified); amending 1992 c 234 s 8 (uncodified); creating new sections; and declaring an emergency.

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

7 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 1. (1) Any member of the teachers' retirement 8 system plan I who meets the criteria in subsection (2) of this section 9 may retire by submitting a written application by July 1, 1993, to the 10 director of the department of retirement systems on the form required 11 by the department.

12 (2) This section applies only to members who:

(a) Were otherwise eligible to retire under the terms andconditions of section 3, chapter 234, Laws of 1992; and

(b) Submitted a written application to retire on the form requiredby the department not later than August 31, 1992; but

(c) Were denied retirement eligibility because the department of retirement systems received the application after the June 15, 1992, deadline.

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(3) A retirement under this section shall take effect:

2 (a) September 1, 1992, for members who separated from service on or before that date and who did not subsequently render membership service 3 4 to an employer; or

(b) The first day of the month following the member's separation 5 form service, but no later than September 1, 1993, for members who б separate from service after September 1, 1992. However, if a full year 7 of membership service was established for the 1992-93 school year, the 8 effective date of a retirement under this subsection (3)(b) shall be 9 10 July 1, 1993.

NEW SECTION. Sec. 2. Section 1 of this act is added to chapter 11 12 41.32 RCW, but because of its temporary nature, shall not be codified.

13 NEW SECTION. Sec. 3. (1) Any member of the public employees' retirement system plan I who meets the criteria in subsection (2) of 14 this section may retire by submitting a written application by July 1, 15 1993, to the director of the department of retirement systems on the 16 17 form required by the department.

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(2) This section applies only to members who:

(a) Were otherwise eligible to retire under the terms and 19 conditions of section 1, chapter 234, Laws of 1992; and 20

21 (b) Submitted a written application to retire on the form required 22 by the department not later than August 31, 1992; but

23 (c) Were denied retirement eligibility because the department of 24 retirement systems received the application after the June 15, 1992, 25 deadline.

(3) A retirement under this section shall take effect: 26

(a) September 1, 1992, for members who separated from service on or 27 28 before that date and who were not subsequently employed in an eligible position; or 29

(b) The first day of the month following the member's separation 30 from service, but no later than September 1, 1993, for members who 31 separate from service after September 1, 1992. 32

NEW SECTION. Sec. 4. Section 3 of this act is added to chapter 33 34 41.40 RCW, but because of its temporary nature, shall not be codified.

Sec. 5. 1992 c 234 s 6 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows: 35

In order to ensure that the state derives the expected benefits 1 from the early retirement provisions of chapter 234, Laws of 1992 and 2 3 chapter . . ., Laws of 1993 (this act), no state agency may engage 4 through personal service contracts persons who retire from state service under the provisions of chapter 234, Laws of 1992 and chapter 5 . . ., Laws of 1993 (this act). Exceptions to this section may be б 7 granted by written approval from the director of the office of 8 financial management if the director finds that the proposed contract 9 is necessary to protect the public safety, protect against the loss of federal certification or loss of critical federal funds, or carry out 10 functions so essential to the agency that even temporary suspension or 11 delay of services would have a significant negative impact on the 12 13 public. At the end of each three-month period in which exceptions are approved, the director shall forward a copy of any approvals, together 14 15 with justification for the exceptions, to the fiscal committees of the 16 legislature. Each forwarded approval shall include the name of the 17 proposed contractor, the agency and division or department requesting the contract, duration and cost of the proposed contract, and specific 18 19 functions and duties to be carried out under the contract. This 20 section shall expire June 30, 1995.

Sec. 6. 1992 c 234 s 8 (uncodified) is amended to read as follows: 21 In order to ensure that the state derives the expected benefits 22 23 from the early retirement provisions of chapter 234, Laws of 1992 and chapter . . ., Laws of 1993 (this act), no board of directors of a 24 25 school district or educational service district may engage through personal service contracts persons who retire from ((state)) service 26 under the provisions of chapter 234, Laws of 1992 and chapter . . ., 27 Laws of 1993 (this act). Exceptions to this section may be granted by 28 29 written approval from the superintendent of public instruction if the 30 superintendent finds that the proposed contract is necessary to protect safety, protect against the loss of school 31 student district certification or loss of federal funds, or carry out functions so 32 33 essential to the district that even temporary suspension or delay of services would have a significant negative impact on students. At the 34 end of each three-month period in which exceptions are approved, the 35 36 superintendent shall forward a copy of any approvals, together with 37 justification for the exceptions, to the office of financial management 38 and the fiscal committees of the legislature. Each forwarded approval

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shall include the name of the proposed contractor, the district
requesting the contract, duration and cost of the proposed contract,
and specific functions and duties to be carried out under the contract.
This section shall expire August 31, 1995.

5 Sec. 7. RCW 43.01.170 and 1992 c 234 s 11 are each amended to read 6 as follows:

7 In order to ensure that the state derives the expected benefits from the early retirement provisions of chapter 234, Laws of 1992, and 8 9 chapter . . ., Laws of 1993 (this act), no state agency may hire 10 persons who retire from state service under the provisions of chapter 234, Laws of 1992, and chapter . . ., Laws of 1993 (this act), as 11 12 temporary or project employees, as defined by the state personnel board for employees covered under chapter 41.06 RCW ((and)), by the higher 13 14 education personnel board for employees covered under chapter 28B.16 15 RCW, and by the employer for persons not covered under chapter 28B.16 RCW who are employed by institutions of higher education or community 16 or technical colleges. Exceptions to this section may be granted by 17 18 written approval from the director of the office of financial 19 management if the director finds that the temporary or project employment of a retiree is necessary to protect the public safety, 20 protect against the loss of federal certification or loss of critical 21 22 federal funds, or carry out functions so essential to the agency that 23 even temporary suspension or delay of services would have a significant 24 negative impact on the public. At the end of each three-month period 25 in which exceptions are approved, the director shall forward a copy of any approvals, together with justification for the exceptions, to the 26 fiscal committees of the legislature. Each forwarded approval shall 27 28 include the name of the temporary or project employee, the agency and 29 division or department requesting the employment, duration and cost of the proposed employment, and specific functions and duties to be 30 carried out during the employment. This section shall expire June 30, 31 1995. 32

33 **Sec. 8.** RCW 28A.400.212 and 1992 c 234 s 13 are each amended to 34 read as follows:

An employee of a school district that has established an attendance incentive program under RCW 28A.400.210 who retires under section 1 or 3, chapter 234, Laws of 1992, or section 1 or 3, chapter . . ., Laws of

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1993 (this act), shall receive, at the time of his or her separation 1 from school district employment, not less than one-half of the 2 remuneration for accrued leave for illness or injury payable to him or 3 4 her under the district's incentive program. The school district board of directors may, at its discretion, pay the remainder of such an 5 employee's remuneration for accrued leave for illness or injury after 6 the time of the employee's separation from school district employment, 7 8 but the employee or the employee's estate is entitled to receive the 9 remainder of the remuneration no later than the date the employee would 10 have been eligible to retire under the provisions of RCW 41.40.180 or 41.32.480 had the employee continued to work for the district until 11 eligible to retire, or three years following the date of the employee's 12 separation from school district employment, whichever occurs first. A 13 district exercising its discretion under this section to pay the 14 15 remainder of the remuneration after the time of the employee's separation from school district employment shall establish a policy and 16 17 procedure for paying the remaining remuneration that applies to all employees equally and without discrimination. 18 affected Any 19 remuneration paid shall be based on the number of days of leave the 20 employee had accrued and the compensation the employee received at the time he or she retired under section 1 or 3, chapter 234, Laws of 1992, 21 or section 1 or 3, chapter . . ., Laws of 1993 (this act). 22

23 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> Sec. 9. This act is necessary for the immediate 24 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the 25 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take 26 effect immediately.

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