CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT

HOUSE BILL 3053

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DISTRIBUTION OPTIONS UNDER TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM, PLAN III

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Passed by the House February 16, 1998 Yeas 98 Nays 0

CLYDE BALLARD

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate March 4, 1998 Yeas 42 Nays 0

CERTIFICATE

I, Timothy A. Martin, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **HOUSE BILL 3053** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

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TIMOTHY A. MARTIN

President of the Senate

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Chief Clerk

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Secretary of State State of Washington

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By Representatives Clements and Skinner

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- 1 AN ACT Relating to distribution options for members of teachers'
- 2 retirement system, plan III; amending RCW 41.34.070; and declaring an
- 3 emergency.
- BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 5 Sec. 1. RCW 41.34.070 and 1995 c 239 s 207 are each amended to read as follows: 6
- 7 the member retires, becomes disabled, or otherwise
- terminates employment, the balance in the member's account may be 8
- 9 distributed in accordance with an option selected by the member either
- 10 as a lump sum or pursuant to other options authorized by the board.
- 11 (2) If the member dies while in service, the balance of the
- 12 member's account may be distributed in accordance with an option
- 13 selected by the member either as a lump sum or pursuant to other
- 14 options authorized by the board. The distribution shall be made to
- 15 such person or persons as the member shall have nominated by written
- designation duly executed and filed with the department. If there be 16
- 17 no such designated person or persons still living at the time of the
- member's death, the balance of the member's account in the retirement 18
- system, less any amount identified as owing to an obligee upon 19

- 1 withdrawal of such account balance pursuant to a court order filed
- 2 under RCW 41.50.670, shall be paid to the member's surviving spouse as
- 3 if in fact such spouse had been nominated by written designation, or if
- 4 there is no surviving spouse, then to such person or persons, trust, or
- 5 organization as the member shall have nominated by written designation
- 6 duly executed and filed with the department.
- 7 (3) <u>If a member has a terminal illness and terminates from</u>
- 8 employment, the member may choose to have the balance in the member's
- 9 account distributed as a lump sum payment based on the most recent
- 10 <u>valuation in order to expedite the distribution</u>. The department shall
- 11 make this payment within ten working days after receipt of notice of
- 12 termination of employment, documentation verifying the terminal
- 13 <u>illness</u>, and an application for payment.
- 14 (4) The distribution under subsections (1) $((or))_{,}$ (2), or (3) of
- 15 this section shall be less any amount identified as owing to an obligee
- 16 upon withdrawal pursuant to a court order filed under RCW 41.50.670.
- 17 <u>NEW SECTION.</u> **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
- 18 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
- 19 state government and its existing public institutions, and takes effect
- 20 immediately.

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