

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 43rd Legislature (1991)

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
FOR ENGROSSED
SENATE BILL NO. 1337

BY: KINNAMON of the HOUSE

and

WEEDN of the SENATE

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE AN ACT RELATING TO STATE GOVERNMENT; AMENDING 74 O.S. 1981, SECTION 1315, AS LAST AMENDED BY SECTION 1, CHAPTER 276, O.S.L. 1990 (74 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1315), WHICH RELATES TO THE STATE AND EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE ACT; SPECIFYING PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ENTITIES; REPEALING SECTION 7, CHAPTER 244, O.S.L. 1990 (74 O.S. SUPP. 1990, SECTION 1315), WHICH IS A DUPLICATE SECTION RELATING TO PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE AND EDUCATION EMPLOYEES GROUP INSURANCE ACT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1981, Section 1315, as last amended by Section 1, Chapter 276, O.S.L. 1990 (74 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1315), is amended to read as follows:

Section 1315. Upon application in writing approved by a majority action of the board of county commissioners of any county or the governing body of any city, town, county hospital, the trustees of any public trust for which the state is the primary beneficiary, or the Oklahoma Conservation Commission on behalf of

the conservation districts participating in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the Board may extend the benefits of the State and Education Employees Group Health and Life Insurance to employees who are employed in positions requiring actual performance of duty during not less than one thousand (1,000) hours per year, and to all full-time employees of such county, city, town, county hospital, public trust, or conservation district, provided that such county, city, town, county hospital, public trust, or conservation district participating therein shall pay all costs attributable to its participation therein. The premium for participating counties, cities, towns, county hospitals, public trusts, and conservation districts shall be the same as paid by the State and Education Employees Group Health and Life Insurance Plan. Such county, city, town, county hospital, public trust, or conservation district shall not be required to offer dental insurance as defined in paragraph (k) of Section 1303 of this title, or other insurance as defined in paragraph (l) of Section 1303 of this title. However, if dental insurance or any other insurance is offered, it must be provided to all eligible employees. If an employee retires and begins to receive benefits from the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System or terminates service and has a vested benefit with the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the employee may elect, in the manner provided in Section 1316.2 of this title, to participate in the dental insurance plan offered through the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act. The employee shall pay the full cost of the dental insurance. Any employee who retires or who has a vested benefit pursuant to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System may begin the health insurance coverage if the employer of the employee is not a participant of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act if the election to begin coverage is made within thirty (30) days from the date of termination of service. For those persons who retired or terminated

service with a vested benefit from the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System prior to October 1, 1988, the election shall be made prior to October 1, 1989. Once a city, town, county hospital, or public trust becomes a participant in the health and dental insurance plans offered through the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act, said city, town, county hospital, or public trust may withdraw from said participation, in a manner prescribed by the Board, before January 1, 1992, and at three-year intervals thereafter. Said withdrawal shall be effective on December 31, 1991, if said prescribed notice is delivered to the Board. All cities, towns, county hospitals, or public trusts participating in the health and dental insurance plans offered through the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act on January 1, 1992, may not withdraw from said participation for a period of three (3) years. The Board shall prescribe rules of withdrawal and renewal for three-year terms beginning January 1, 1992.

SECTION 2. REPEALER Section 7, Chapter 244, O.S.L. 1990 (74 O.S. Supp. 1990, Section 1315), is hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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