

SHORT TITLE: Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board; providing for the rebate of certain funds; emergency.

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 44th Legislature (1993)

SENATE JOINT
RESOLUTION NO. 1

By: Roberts of the Senate

and

Benson of the House

AS INTRODUCED

A Joint Resolution relating to the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board; providing for the rebate of certain funds to certain current and former employees; providing certain procedures; providing for codification; directing distribution; and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board has funds on hand in excess of any amount which might be required for reserves; and

WHEREAS, the premium rates charged by the Board are currently generating revenues that are in excess of expenses; and

WHEREAS, the premiums charged by the Board are a direct cost to the participants in the plan, to the agencies of state government, and to local school districts; and

WHEREAS, monies paid by or on behalf of participants that are above the amount required to adequately fund the insurance program are better utilized when left with the participants or state agencies than accumulating as unnecessary reserves; and

WHEREAS, the plan changes implemented by the Board are represented by the Board to have no material cost.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1310.2 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

The Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall, within a reasonable time after the close of a plan year, rebate to the participants in the insurance programs offered by the Board all funds in excess of necessary reserves. The level of necessary reserves shall be established by the Board. Rebates shall be awarded to a participant based on the premiums paid by or on behalf of the participant or the participant's dependents for the plan year in relation to the total premiums paid for the plan year. For the rebate for the plan year ending June 30, 1993, those active state employees enrolled in a Health Maintenance Organization during the period of July 1, 1991, to June 30, 1992, shall receive a rebate equal to the difference between the premium amount remitted to the Health Maintenance Organization on behalf of the employee and the premium amount paid to the Board on behalf of the employee. If for any plan year the Board determines that the rebate amount is not sufficient to warrant the expense of processing the rebate, the Board may elect to forego the rebate for that plan year, however, the total amount of the rebate for the plan year ending June 30, 1993, shall not be less than _____ (\$_____.00). Individuals who are no longer participants in the plan at the time a rebate is declared must file a claim with the Board in a manner prescribed by the Board within ninety (90) days of the date the Board declares the rebate to be eligible for said rebate.

SECTION 2. The Secretary of State shall distribute copies of this resolution to the Governor and to the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board.

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 resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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