

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 46th Legislature (1997)

HOUSE BILL NO. 1165

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1308, which relates to enrollment in benefit plans offered under the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act; allowing elected officials to opt out of participation in the benefit plans; requiring board to provide procedure for subsequent enrollment; providing that elected officials shall not be participants and receive flexible benefit allowance; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 1991, Section 1308, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1308. ~~(1)~~ A. Any employee other than an education employee eligible for membership in the Health Insurance Plan, Dental Insurance Plan or Life Insurance Plan upon its effective date shall be enrolled in the plan unless ~~he~~ the employee elects not to be enrolled within thirty (30) days of such effective dates. The employee shall be advised of Health Maintenance Organization prepaid plans available as an alternative to the state self-insured Health Insurance Plan. The Board shall establish the procedure by which

eligible employees not electing to be enrolled initially in the Health Insurance Plan, Dental Insurance Plan or Life Insurance Plan may be subsequently enrolled.

~~(2)~~ B. Any eligible employee other than an education employee who is employed after the effective dates of the Health Insurance Plan, Dental Insurance Plan and Life Insurance Plan or HMO plans approved by the Board may become enrolled on the first day of the second month of employment.

~~(3)~~ C. Any person that becomes a participant in the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act pursuant to subsection (2) or (3) of Section ~~17~~ 1316.2 of this ~~act~~ title shall not be eligible to enroll in a HMO plan until the next option period after said enrollment, as set by the Board.

D. Any elected official may elect not to participate in the Health Insurance Plan, Dental Insurance Plan or Life Insurance Plan or other benefit plans offered to employees under the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act. The elected official shall make the election not to participate within thirty (30) days after the official becomes eligible to enroll in the benefit plans or during the annual enrollment period. The Board shall establish a procedure by which an elected official who elected not to enroll in any of the benefit plans may be subsequently enrolled. An elected official who elects not to participate in the benefit plans shall not be considered a participant and shall not receive the flexible benefit allowance.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1997.

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.

