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SENATE BILL 1380

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to retirement; providing retirement benefit increase to certain persons; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1316.2, which relates to insurance; updating references to certain Medicare related insurance plans; amending references; increasing amount that the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System and the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges pay for certain retiree and vested member premiums; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 930.7 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Any person receiving retirement benefits from the System as of June 30, 2001, who continues to receive benefits on or after July 1, 2002, shall, beginning July 1, 2002, receive an increase in retirement benefits equal to ten percent (10%) of the retirement benefit.

SECTION 2. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 1316.2, is amended to read as follows:

Section 1316.2 (1) Any employee other than an education employee who retires pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System or who has a vested benefit pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System may continue in force the health and dental insurance benefits authorized by the provisions of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act, if such election to

continue in force is made within thirty (30) days from the date of termination of service. Health insurance benefits offered pursuant to this section shall include the state indemnity plan, managed care plans offered in alternative to the state indemnity plan, Medicare supplements offered by the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board which shall include prescription drug coverage, and Medicare risk-sharing contracts offered in alternative to the Board's Medicare supplement plans. Provided, all Medicare risk-sharing contracts shall be subject to a risk adjustment factor, based on generally accepted actuarial principals for adverse selection which may occur. Except as otherwise provided for in Section 4 840-2.27 I of this ~~act~~ title, health and dental insurance coverage may not be reinstated at a later time if the election to continue in force is declined. Vested employees other than education employees who have terminated service and are not receiving benefits and effective July 1, 1996, nonvested persons who have terminated service with more than eight (8) years of participating service with a participating employer, who within thirty (30) days from the date of termination elect to continue such coverage, shall pay the full cost of said insurance premium at the rate and pursuant to the terms and conditions established by the Board. Provided also, any employee other than an education employee who commences employment with a participating employer on or after September 1, 1991, who terminates service with such employer on or after July 1, 1996, but who otherwise has insufficient years of service to retire or terminate service with a vested benefit pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System or to elect to continue coverage as a nonvested employee as provided in this section, but who, immediately prior to employment with the participating employer was covered as a dependent on the health and dental insurance policy of a spouse who was an active employee other than an education employee, may count

as part of his or her credited service for the purpose of determining eligibility to elect to continue coverage under this section, the time during which said terminating employee was covered as such a dependent.

(2) A retired employee other than an education employee who is receiving benefits from the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System after September 30, 1988, is under sixty-five (65) years of age and is not otherwise eligible for Medicare and pursuant to subsection (1) of this section elects to continue the health insurance plan shall pay the premium rate for the health insurance minus an amount equal to the premium rate of the ~~Medicare supplement~~ HealthChoice (Hi) option plan for Medicare eligible participants offered by the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board or ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00), whichever is less, which shall be paid by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section.

(3) A retired employee other than an education employee who is receiving benefits from the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System after September 30, 1988, is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or who is under sixty-five (65) years of age and is eligible for Medicare and pursuant to subsection (1) of this section elects to continue the health insurance plan and elects coverage under one of the Medicare supplement plans offered by the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall have ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00), or the premium rate of the ~~Medicare supplement~~ plan the member is participating in, whichever is less, paid by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section. If the amount paid by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System does not cover the full cost of the Medicare supplement plan the member is participating in, the

retired employee shall pay to the Board the remaining amount if the retired employee wants to continue coverage. If such retiree elects coverage under any Medicare risk-sharing contract, the retiree shall have ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00) or the premium rate of the Medicare risk-sharing contract selected by the retiree, whichever is less, paid by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section. If the amount paid by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System does not cover the full cost of the Medicare risk-sharing contract, the retired employee shall pay to the Board the remaining amount if the retired employee wants to continue coverage.

(4) A retired employee other than an education employee who is receiving benefits from the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System after September 30, 1988, is under sixty-five (65) years of age and is not otherwise eligible for Medicare and pursuant to subsection (1) of this section elects to continue the health insurance plan shall pay the premium rate for the health insurance minus an amount equal to the premium rate of the ~~Medicare supplement~~ HealthChoice (Hi) option plan for Medicare eligible participants offered by the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board or ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00), whichever is less, which shall be paid by the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section.

(5) A retired employee other than an education employee who is receiving benefits from the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System after September 30, 1988, is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or who is under sixty-five (65) years of age and is eligible for Medicare and pursuant to subsection (1) of this section elects to continue the health insurance plan and elects coverage under one of the Medicare supplement plans offered by the Oklahoma State and

Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall have ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00), or the premium rate of the Medicare supplement plan the member is participating in, whichever is less, paid by the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section. If the amount paid by the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System does not cover the full cost of the Medicare supplement plan the member is participating in, the retired employee shall pay to the Board the remaining amount if the retired employee wants to continue coverage. If such retiree elects coverage under any Medicare risk-sharing contract, the retiree shall have ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00) or the premium rate of the Medicare risk-sharing contract selected by the retiree, whichever is less, paid by the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section. If the amount paid by the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System does not cover the full cost of the Medicare risk-sharing contract, the retired employee shall pay to the Board the remaining amount if the retired employee wants to continue coverage.

(6) A retired employee other than an education employee who is receiving benefits from the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges after September 30, 1988, is under sixty-five (65) years of age and is not otherwise eligible for Medicare and pursuant to subsection (1) of this section elects to continue the health insurance plan shall pay the premium rate for the health insurance minus an amount equal to the premium rate of the ~~Medicare supplement~~ HealthChoice (Hi) option plan for Medicare eligible participants offered by the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board or ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00), whichever is less, which shall be

paid by the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section.

(7) A retired employee other than an education employee who is receiving benefits from the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges after September 30, 1988, is sixty-five (65) years of age or older or who is under sixty-five (65) years of age and is eligible for Medicare and pursuant to subsection (1) of this section elects to continue the health insurance plan and elects coverage under one of the Medicare supplement plans offered by the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall have ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00), or the premium rate of the Medicare supplement plan the member is participating in, whichever is less, paid by the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section. If the amount paid by the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges does not cover the full cost of the Medicare supplement plan the member is participating in, the retired employee shall pay to the Board the remaining amount if the retired employee wants to continue coverage. If such retiree elects coverage under any Medicare risk-sharing contract, the retiree shall have ~~One Hundred Five Dollars (\$105.00)~~ One Hundred Eighty-five Dollars (\$185.00) or the premium rate of the Medicare risk-sharing contract selected by the retiree, whichever is less, paid by the Uniform Retirement System for the Justices and Judges to the Board in the manner specified in subsection (9) of this section. If the amount paid by the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges does not cover the full cost of the Medicare risk-sharing contract, the retired employee shall pay to the Board the remaining amount if the retired employee wants to continue coverage.

(8) Dependents of a deceased employee other than an education employee who was on active work status or on a disability leave at

the time of death or of a participating retirant or of any person who has elected to receive a vested benefit under the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges or the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System may continue the health and dental insurance benefits in force provided said dependents pay the full cost of such insurance and they were covered as eligible dependents at the time of such death and such election is made within thirty (30) days of date of death. The eligibility for said benefits shall terminate for the surviving spouse when said spouse remarries or becomes eligible for another group health insurance plan. The eligibility for said benefits shall terminate for the surviving children when said children cease to qualify as dependents.

(9) The amounts required to be paid by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System, the Uniform Retirement System for Justices and Judges and the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement System pursuant to this section shall be forwarded no later than the tenth day of each month following the month for which payment is due by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System Board of Trustees or the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Retirement Board to the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board for deposit in the Health, Dental and Life Insurance Reserve Fund.

(10) Upon retirement, any employee of the George Nigh Rehabilitation Institute who was transferred pursuant to Section 3427 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes may participate in the benefits authorized by the provisions of the State and Education Employees Group Insurance Act for retired participants, including health, dental and life insurance benefits, if such election to participate is made within thirty (30) days from the date of retirement. Life insurance benefits shall not exceed the coverage the employee had at the time he or she was transferred pursuant to Section 3427 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Retirees who

participate pursuant to this paragraph shall pay the premium for elected benefits less any amounts paid by a state retirement system pursuant to this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 4. 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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