

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 2736

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; requiring certain participating employers in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System and the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma to make certain payments to the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board; specifying payment amounts; requiring establishment of separate accounts; providing payment amounts in addition to other payments provided by law for cost of postretirement health care coverage; 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 1316.5 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning July 1, 2006, each participating employer in the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System whose active employees are authorized to begin or maintain health care insurance through the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board after retirement from the System shall make monthly payments to the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, on behalf of its eligible retirees, for a period of five (5) years after the employee retires from the System.

B. The payments required by subsection A of this section shall begin the first month during which the retiree receives a benefit payment from the System, and shall be in the amount of the longevity payment that the retired employee was authorized to receive during the year in which the member retired as prescribed by Section 840-2.18 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall establish a separate account for each retired employee upon whose behalf a payment is made as required by subsection B of this section. The account shall be used to make payment toward the total cost of the applicable health care insurance premium amount for any health care coverage selected by the retired employee.

D. The amount of payments required by this section shall be in addition to any other payment toward the cost of postretirement health care coverage authorized or required by law.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 1316.6 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Beginning July 1, 2006, each participating employer in the Teachers' Retirement System of Oklahoma whose active employees are authorized to begin or maintain health care insurance through the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board after retirement from the System shall make monthly payments to the Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board, on behalf of its eligible retirees, for a period of five (5) years after the employee retires from the System.

B. The payments required by subsection A of this section shall begin the first month during which the retiree receives a benefit payment from the System, and shall be in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each year of creditable service that was included in the retirement benefit computation of the member as prescribed by Section 17-116.2 of Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

C. The Oklahoma State and Education Employees Group Insurance Board shall establish a separate account for each retired employee upon whose behalf a payment is made as required by subsection B of this section. The account shall be used to make payment toward the total cost of the applicable health care insurance premium amount for any health care coverage selected by the retired employee.

D. The amount of payments required by this section shall be in addition to any other payment toward the cost of postretirement health care coverage authorized or required by law.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2006.

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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