1   AN ACT in relation to public employee benefits.

2   Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3   represented in the General Assembly:

4   Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by
5   adding Section 16-153.5 as follows:

6   (40 ILCS 5/16-153.5 new)
7   Sec. 16-153.5. Election of medicare coverage.
8   (a) The System shall conduct a divided medicare coverage
9   referendum, open to teachers continuously employed by the
10   same employer since March 31, 1986. The referendum shall be
11   conducted in accordance with the applicable provisions of
12   federal law and Article 21 of this Code.
13   (b) As used in this Section and in compliance with
14   federal law, "referendum" means the process whereby teachers
15   are granted the opportunity to make an irrevocable individual
16   election to participate in the medicare program on a
17   prospective basis.
18   (c) Employers shall pay the necessary employer
19   contributions and make the necessary deductions from salary
20   for teachers who elect to participate in the federal medicare
21   program under this Section, as required by the System,
22   Article 21 of this Code, and federal law.

23   Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding
24   Section 8.27 as follows:

25   (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)
26   Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6
27   and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required
28   for the implementation of any mandate created by this
29   amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

1   Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

2   becoming law.