

SB0163



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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

5 ILCS 375/6.5

Amends the State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning retired teacher benefits.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning government.

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

4 Section 5. The State Employees Group Insurance Act of 1971
5 is amended by changing Section 6.5 as follows:

6 (5 ILCS 375/6.5)

7 Sec. 6.5. Health benefits for TRS benefit recipients and
8 ~~and~~ TRS dependent beneficiaries.

9 (a) Purpose. It is the purpose of this amendatory Act of
10 1995 to transfer the administration of the program of health
11 benefits established for benefit recipients and their
12 dependent beneficiaries under Article 16 of the Illinois
13 Pension Code to the Department of Central Management Services.

14 (b) Transition provisions. The Board of Trustees of the
15 Teachers' Retirement System shall continue to administer the
16 health benefit program established under Article 16 of the
17 Illinois Pension Code through December 31, 1995. Beginning
18 January 1, 1996, the Department of Central Management Services
19 shall be responsible for administering a program of health
20 benefits for TRS benefit recipients and TRS dependent
21 beneficiaries under this Section. The Department of Central
22 Management Services and the Teachers' Retirement System shall
23 cooperate in this endeavor and shall coordinate their

1 activities so as to ensure a smooth transition and
2 uninterrupted health benefit coverage.

3 (c) Eligibility. All persons who were enrolled in the
4 Article 16 program at the time of the transfer shall be
5 eligible to participate in the program established under this
6 Section without any interruption or delay in coverage or
7 limitation as to pre-existing medical conditions. Eligibility
8 to participate shall be determined by the Teachers' Retirement
9 System. Eligibility information shall be communicated to the
10 Department of Central Management Services in a format
11 acceptable to the Department.

12 A TRS dependent beneficiary who is an unmarried child age
13 19 or over and mentally or physically disabled does not become
14 ineligible to participate by reason of (i) becoming ineligible
15 to be claimed as a dependent for Illinois or federal income tax
16 purposes or (ii) receiving earned income, so long as those
17 earnings are insufficient for the child to be fully
18 self-sufficient.

19 (d) Coverage. The level of health benefits provided under
20 this Section shall be similar to the level of benefits provided
21 by the program previously established under Article 16 of the
22 Illinois Pension Code.

23 Group life insurance benefits are not included in the
24 benefits to be provided to TRS benefit recipients and TRS
25 dependent beneficiaries under this Act.

26 The program of health benefits under this Section may

1 include any or all of the benefit limitations, including but
2 not limited to a reduction in benefits based on eligibility for
3 federal medicare benefits, that are provided under subsection
4 (a) of Section 6 of this Act for other health benefit programs
5 under this Act.

6 (e) Insurance rates and premiums. The Director shall
7 determine the insurance rates and premiums for TRS benefit
8 recipients and TRS dependent beneficiaries, and shall present
9 to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois, by
10 April 15 of each calendar year, the rate-setting methodology
11 (including but not limited to utilization levels and costs)
12 used to determine the amount of the health care premiums.

13 For Fiscal Year 1996, the premium shall be equal to the
14 premium actually charged in Fiscal Year 1995; in subsequent
15 years, the premium shall never be lower than the premium
16 charged in Fiscal Year 1995.

17 For Fiscal Year 2003, the premium shall not exceed 110%
18 of the premium actually charged in Fiscal Year 2002.

19 For Fiscal Year 2004, the premium shall not exceed 112%
20 of the premium actually charged in Fiscal Year 2003.

21 For Fiscal Year 2005, the premium shall not exceed a
22 weighted average of 106.6% of the premium actually charged
23 in Fiscal Year 2004.

24 For Fiscal Year 2006, the premium shall not exceed a
25 weighted average of 109.1% of the premium actually charged
26 in Fiscal Year 2005.

1 For Fiscal Year 2007, the premium shall not exceed a
2 weighted average of 103.9% of the premium actually charged
3 in Fiscal Year 2006.

4 For Fiscal Year 2008 and thereafter, the premium in
5 each fiscal year shall not exceed 105% of the premium
6 actually charged in the previous fiscal year.

7 Rates and premiums may be based in part on age and
8 eligibility for federal medicare coverage. However, the cost of
9 participation for a TRS dependent beneficiary who is an
10 unmarried child age 19 or over and mentally or physically
11 disabled shall not exceed the cost for a TRS dependent
12 beneficiary who is an unmarried child under age 19 and
13 participates in the same major medical or managed care program.

14 The cost of health benefits under the program shall be paid
15 as follows:

16 (1) For a TRS benefit recipient selecting a managed
17 care program, up to 75% of the total insurance rate shall
18 be paid from the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund.
19 Effective with Fiscal Year 2007 and thereafter, for a TRS
20 benefit recipient selecting a managed care program, 75% of
21 the total insurance rate shall be paid from the Teacher
22 Health Insurance Security Fund.

23 (2) For a TRS benefit recipient selecting the major
24 medical coverage program, up to 50% of the total insurance
25 rate shall be paid from the Teacher Health Insurance
26 Security Fund if a managed care program is accessible, as

1 determined by the Teachers' Retirement System. Effective
2 with Fiscal Year 2007 and thereafter, for a TRS benefit
3 recipient selecting the major medical coverage program,
4 50% of the total insurance rate shall be paid from the
5 Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund if a managed care
6 program is accessible, as determined by the Department of
7 Central Management Services.

8 (3) For a TRS benefit recipient selecting the major
9 medical coverage program, up to 75% of the total insurance
10 rate shall be paid from the Teacher Health Insurance
11 Security Fund if a managed care program is not accessible,
12 as determined by the Teachers' Retirement System.
13 Effective with Fiscal Year 2007 and thereafter, for a TRS
14 benefit recipient selecting the major medical coverage
15 program, 75% of the total insurance rate shall be paid from
16 the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund if a managed
17 care program is not accessible, as determined by the
18 Department of Central Management Services.

19 (3.1) For a TRS dependent beneficiary who is Medicare
20 primary and enrolled in a managed care plan, or the major
21 medical coverage program if a managed care plan is not
22 available, 25% of the total insurance rate shall be paid
23 from the Teacher Health Security Fund as determined by the
24 Department of Central Management Services. For the purpose
25 of this item (3.1), the term "TRS dependent beneficiary who
26 is Medicare primary" means a TRS dependent beneficiary who

1 is participating in Medicare Parts A and B.

2 (4) Except as otherwise provided in item (3.1), the
3 balance of the rate of insurance, including the entire
4 premium of any coverage for TRS dependent beneficiaries
5 that has been elected, shall be paid by deductions
6 authorized by the TRS benefit recipient to be withheld from
7 his or her monthly annuity or benefit payment from the
8 Teachers' Retirement System; except that (i) if the balance
9 of the cost of coverage exceeds the amount of the monthly
10 annuity or benefit payment, the difference shall be paid
11 directly to the Teachers' Retirement System by the TRS
12 benefit recipient, and (ii) all or part of the balance of
13 the cost of coverage may, at the school board's option, be
14 paid to the Teachers' Retirement System by the school board
15 of the school district from which the TRS benefit recipient
16 retired, in accordance with Section 10-22.3b of the School
17 Code. The Teachers' Retirement System shall promptly
18 deposit all moneys withheld by or paid to it under this
19 subdivision (e)(4) into the Teacher Health Insurance
20 Security Fund. These moneys shall not be considered assets
21 of the Retirement System.

22 (f) Financing. Beginning July 1, 1995, all revenues arising
23 from the administration of the health benefit programs
24 established under Article 16 of the Illinois Pension Code or
25 this Section shall be deposited into the Teacher Health
26 Insurance Security Fund, which is hereby created as a

1 nonappropriated trust fund to be held outside the State
2 Treasury, with the State Treasurer as custodian. Any interest
3 earned on moneys in the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund
4 shall be deposited into the Fund.

5 Moneys in the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund shall
6 be used only to pay the costs of the health benefit program
7 established under this Section, including associated
8 administrative costs, and the costs associated with the health
9 benefit program established under Article 16 of the Illinois
10 Pension Code, as authorized in this Section. Beginning July 1,
11 1995, the Department of Central Management Services may make
12 expenditures from the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund
13 for those costs.

14 After other funds authorized for the payment of the costs
15 of the health benefit program established under Article 16 of
16 the Illinois Pension Code are exhausted and until January 1,
17 1996 (or such later date as may be agreed upon by the Director
18 of Central Management Services and the Secretary of the
19 Teachers' Retirement System), the Secretary of the Teachers'
20 Retirement System may make expenditures from the Teacher Health
21 Insurance Security Fund as necessary to pay up to 75% of the
22 cost of providing health coverage to eligible benefit
23 recipients (as defined in Sections 16-153.1 and 16-153.3 of the
24 Illinois Pension Code) who are enrolled in the Article 16
25 health benefit program and to facilitate the transfer of
26 administration of the health benefit program to the Department

1 of Central Management Services.

2 (g) Contract for benefits. The Director shall by contract,
3 self-insurance, or otherwise make available the program of
4 health benefits for TRS benefit recipients and their TRS
5 dependent beneficiaries that is provided for in this Section.
6 The contract or other arrangement for the provision of these
7 health benefits shall be on terms deemed by the Director to be
8 in the best interest of the State of Illinois and the TRS
9 benefit recipients based on, but not limited to, such criteria
10 as administrative cost, service capabilities of the carrier or
11 other contractor, and the costs of the benefits.

12 (g-5) Committee. A Teacher Retirement Insurance Program
13 Committee shall be established, to consist of 10 persons
14 appointed by the Governor.

15 The Committee shall convene at least 4 times each year, and
16 shall consider and make recommendations on issues affecting the
17 program of health benefits provided under this Section.
18 Recommendations of the Committee shall be based on a consensus
19 of the members of the Committee.

20 If the Teacher Health Insurance Security Fund experiences a
21 deficit balance based upon the contribution and subsidy rates
22 established in this Section and Section 6.6 for Fiscal Year
23 2008 or thereafter, the Committee shall make recommendations
24 for adjustments to the funding sources established under these
25 Sections.

26 (h) Continuation of program. It is the intention of the

1 General Assembly that the program of health benefits provided
2 under this Section be maintained on an ongoing, affordable
3 basis.

4 The program of health benefits provided under this Section
5 may be amended by the State and is not intended to be a pension
6 or retirement benefit subject to protection under Article XIII,
7 Section 5 of the Illinois Constitution.

8 (i) Repeal. (Blank).

9 (Source: P.A. 92-505, eff. 12-20-01; 92-862, eff. 1-3-03;
10 93-679, eff. 6-30-04.)