
The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Dawn Romero Watson.

DIGEST

Present law provides for the eligibility of certain categories of state and local employees and retirees to participate in programs of insurance, including group health insurance, sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits (OGB).

Proposed law adds to the list both persons retired on or before Jan. 31, 2010, and employees of the Orleans Parish School Board.

Present law (R.S. 42:851(E)) specifies the level of state contribution to the health care premium of persons who participate in OGB programs as retirees according to the number of consecutive years of participation as active employees, first employed after Jan. 1, 2002, ranging from a minimum of 19% to a maximum of 75%.

Proposed law exempts those provided eligibility under proposed law from any effect of such provision.

Present law (R.S. 42:851(H)(5)) specifies that the premium rate of any group which begins participating in OGB programs after having participated in another group health and accident program shall be rated by group benefits to be covered by the programs at the greater of the premium rate based on the loss experience of the group under the prior plan or the premium rate based on the loss experience of the classification into which the group is entering.

Proposed law exempts those provided eligibility under proposed law from any effect of such provision.

Proposed law provides that persons made eligible for participation in programs sponsored by OGB under proposed law shall participate in group health insurance programs when the Orleans Parish School Board elects to participate in such programs.

Proposed law provides that premiums for coverage of persons in such group shall be paid as follows:

- (1) For retirees, 25% shall be paid by the school board and of the remaining portion, 50% shall be paid by the retiree and 50% shall be paid by OGB.
- (2) For active employees, 25% shall be paid by the employee and 50% shall be paid by the school board.

Effective upon signature of governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 42:808(A)(12) and 851(T))