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Abstract: Authorizes a retiree who meets certain criteria to participate in group insurance plans sponsored by the state's Office of Group Benefits (OGB).

Present law establishes OGB to sponsor and administer group life, health, and other insurance programs on behalf of participating employers for the benefit of their employees. Authorizes not only state employees to participate in these programs, but also employees of specifically enumerated local employers, including school boards that elect this participation, the district attorney for the city of New Orleans and active employees of his office, and parish judges paid in full or in part by the state. Authorizes coverage not only for employees of these employers, but also for the employee's dependents, as defined by present law, which includes a spouse.

Beginning Jan. 1, 2027, proposed law authorizes participation by a retired employee who meets all of the following criteria:

- (1) Prior to retirement, the retiree participated as an employee in an OGB sponsored plan.
- (2) The retiree's aggregate years of participation in OGB sponsored plans as both an employee and the spouse of an employee are greater than or equal to 20 years.
- (3) After retirement, the retiree experiences a qualifying life event.

Effective January 1, 2027.

(Adds R.S. 42:808(A)(12))