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HOUSE BILL NO. 97

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BY REPRESENTATIVE ALARIO AND SENATOR HEITMEIER

INSURANCE/GROUP-STATE: Provides for certain benefits offered though the Office of Group Benefits programs for employees who were furloughed or terminated as a result of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita (Item #20)

AN ACT

2	To amend and reenact R.S. 42:851(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) and to enact R.S. 42:851
3	(D)(4), relative to Office of Group Benefits programs; to prohibit any reduction in
4	the minimum state contribution for premium payments for certain employees
5	affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita under certain circumstances; and to provide
6	for related matters.
7	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
8	Section 1. R.S. 42:851(E)(1)(introductory paragraph) is hereby amended and
9	reenacted and R.S. 42:851(D)(4) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
10	§851. Authority for employee benefit programs; payroll deduction for payment of
11	premiums.
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15	(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, there shall be no
16	reduction in the state minimum contribution as a result of any lapse in participation
17	from August 30, 2005, through December 31, 2006, for an employee furloughed or
18	terminated as the result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita who is subsequently rehired.

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E.(1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Part to the contrary, for any person who is an active employee as defined by R.S. 42:808 and who does not participate in the Office of Group Benefits program provided by this Part before January 1, 2002, but subsequently enrolls in the program, or for any person who is hired on or after January 1, 2002, who meets the definition of employee as provided by Subsection F of this Section R.S. 42:808 the state contribution of the total premium shall, upon retirement, be:

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Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If

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vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become

effective on the day following such approval.

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Abstract: Prohibits reduction in the minimum state contribution for premium payments for certain employees affected by Hurricane Katrina or Rita who are subsequently rehired.

<u>Present law</u> provides for the minimum state contribution toward premiums payable by retirees.

<u>Proposed law</u> retains <u>present law</u> and prohibits any reduction in the state minimum contribution as a result of any lapse in participation from August 30, 2005, through December 31, 2006, for an employee furloughed or terminated as the result of Hurricane Katrina or Rita who is subsequently rehired.

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

(Amends R.S. 42:851(E)(1)(intro. para.); Adds R.S. 42:851(D)(4))