

2022 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 452

BY SENATOR MCMATH

GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM. Authorizes certain persons to qualify for a state contribution of seventy-five percent of health insurance premium upon retirement. (8/1/22)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 42:851(O), relative to health and accident insurance; to provide  
3 for health and accident programs of the office of group benefits; to provide for  
4 applicability of certain requirements to certain employees; and to provide for related  
5 matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 42:851(O) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §851. Authority for employee benefit programs; payroll deduction for payment of  
9 premiums

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11 O. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any person who is  
12 an active employee, as defined in R.S. 42: 808(A)(1), of the state Department of  
13 Education, special school district or the Department of Public Safety and  
14 Corrections, office of youth services who was employed by such state agency on or  
15 after January 1, 2002, but no later than March 29, 2004, **or who was an active**  
16 **employee as defined in R.S. 42:808(A)(1) of the state Department of Education,**  
17 **special school district who was employed by that state agency on or after August**

1           **1, 2012, but not later than January 1, 2013**, who has participated in the Office of  
2           Group Benefits continuously during his state employment who, prior to such  
3           employment, was a professional and fully qualified employee of a city, parish, or  
4           other local public school system in a position that required certification by the state  
5           Department of Education and who participated in the group health insurance  
6           program made available by the school system for not less than twenty years shall,  
7           upon retirement, be eligible to maintain enrollment in the Office of Group Benefits  
8           program with a state contribution of seventy-five percent of his premium.  
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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part  
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Thomas L. Tyler.

	DIGEST	
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Present law provides that a local school system professional employee who participated in the health insurance program of his employing school systems for not less than twenty years who became a state employee in the state Dept. of Education, Special School District or in the Department of Public Safety and Corrections, office of youth services on or after January 1, 2002, but not later than March 29, 2004, shall be eligible, upon retirement to maintain enrollment in the office of group benefits program with a state contribution of 75% of his premium.

Proposed law includes active employees of the state Department of Education, special school district who were employed on or after August 1, 2012, but not later than January 1, 2013, to those eligible, upon retirement to maintain enrollment in the office of group benefits with a state contribution of 75% of his premium.

Effective August 1, 2022.  
(Amends R.S. 42:851(O))