

2024 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 145

BY REPRESENTATIVE BAGLEY

INSURANCE/GROUP: Provides relative to group health insurance coverage for retired employees of the Sabine Parish District Attorney's Office

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 16:205 and 266, relative to the parishes of Sabine and Winn; to provide with  
3 respect to the district attorney's office; to require relative to group health insurance  
4 coverage for eligible retired employees; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 16:205 and 266 are hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §205. Group health insurance; parish of Winn; office of the district attorney; eligible  
8 retired employees

9 A. If a group health insurer offers a retired employee a health insurance plan,  
10 the district attorney's office shall pay the retired employee's premium, upon  
11 retirement age, per the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.  
12 Otherwise, the district attorney's office shall pay up to one hundred percent of the  
13 retired employee's health insurance premium comparable to the premium of an active  
14 employee's plan of choice.

15 B. When the retired employee reaches the age or condition for Medicare  
16 eligibility, the retired employee shall secure Medicare and pursue a supplemental  
17 plan. The district attorney's office shall continue to pay the retired employee's  
18 current health insurance premium or the premium for the supplemental plan that is  
19 comparable to the present insurance coverage.



Proposed law requires the Winn Parish district attorney's office to pay a retired employee's health insurance premiums upon retirement age, if a group health insurer offers coverage to retired employees. Otherwise, proposed law requires the district attorney's office to pay up to 100% of a retired employee's health insurance premium comparable to the premium of an active employee's plan of choice.

Proposed law requires a retired employee to secure Medicare and pursue a supplemental plan when the retired employee reaches the age or condition for Medicare eligibility. Further requires the district attorney's office to continue paying the retired employee's current health insurance premium or the premium for the supplemental plan comparable to the present insurance coverage.

Proposed law requires a retired employee to have 25 consecutive years of employment with the district attorney's office at the time of retirement for eligibility of benefits under proposed law.

(Adds R.S. 16:205 and 266)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

The Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill:

1. Make technical changes.
2. Add provisions which provide relative to the Winn Parish district attorney's office.