
DIGEST

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HB No. 103

Abstract: Maintains Office of Group Benefits insurance participation and coverage for employees, retirees, and board members of the St. Bernard Parish School Board and waives payment of certain premiums for a limited time period.

Proposed law establishes temporary provisions for participation and coverage of employees, board members, and retirees of the St. Bernard Parish School Board (hereinafter "school board"), in light of catastrophic revenue losses sustained by the school board as a result of natural disasters in 2005.

Proposed law provides that persons who were either members of the school board, or employees of the school board on August 29, 2005, and thereafter have resumed full-time employment with the school board, or have been placed on disaster-related leave without pay and continue such leave, or have continued their tenure as a member of the school board, shall continue to participate in any insurance programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits in which they were active participants on August 29, 2005.

Proposed law provides for waiver of premiums incurred by the school board for such employees and board members beginning January 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2006.

The provisions of proposed law shall not apply to any persons whose employment by the school board or tenure as a member of the school board began after August 29, 2005.

The provisions of proposed law with respect to the waiver of premiums for coverage of employees and board members shall become null, void, and of no effect on July 1, 2006.

Proposed law provides for waiver of the employer portion of premiums associated with coverage and participation of retirees of the school board in insurance programs sponsored by the Office of Group Benefits commencing January 1, 2006, and ending June 30, 2008.

Proposed law provides that the Office of Group Benefits shall continue to collect the portion of the premium owed by the retiree.

The provisions of proposed law with respect to the waiver of the employer portion of premiums for coverage of retirees shall become null, void, and of no effect on July 1, 2008.

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

(Adds R.S. 42:815)