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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Requires the Vernon Parish Sheriff to pay a certain percentage of group insurance premiums for certain retirees.

Present law authorizes the sheriff of each parish to pay for the insurance premiums of the sheriff, sheriff deputies, and dependents of the sheriff and sheriff deputies. The sheriff may contract with any insurance company authorized to do business in this state for group life and accidental death and dismemberment, group health, accident, dental, hospital, surgical, or other medical expense and group disability insurance.

Present law requires the sheriff of certain parishes, including Vernon, to pay these premiums in full for their retirees who have retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age, or who have retired with at least 30 years of service at any age.

Proposed law retains present law for those retirees hired prior to July 1, 2019, and requires the Vernon Parish Sheriff to pay the insurance premiums for retired sheriff and sheriff deputies hired on or after July 1, 2019, as follows:

- (1) Retirees with 15 years of service who have reached 62 years of age and have at least 15 years of continuous service with Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office shall have 50% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (2) Retirees with 20 years of service who have reached 60 years of age and have at least 15 years of continuous service with Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office shall have 75% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (3) Retirees with 25 years of service who have reached 60 years of age and have at least 15 years of continuous service with Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office shall have 100% of their insurance premiums paid.
- (4) Retirees with 30 years of service who have reached 55 years of age and have at least 15 years of continuous service with Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office shall have 100% of their insurance premiums paid.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(9))