

## RÉSUMÉ DIGEST

ACT 679 (SB 140)

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Abraham

Existing law requires that any policy or self-insurance plan providing group hospital, surgical, medical expense, or life insurance contracted for under the provisions of existing law contain a provision authorizing any covered employee retiring under his sheriff's department retirement plan to elect to continue such coverage upon retirement. Existing law authorizes the premium cost of such coverage to be paid in full or in part from the sheriff's general funds or by the retired employee. Existing law requires a uniform policy with respect to the payment of such premiums be formulated and applied by each sheriff.

Existing law requires the premium costs of group hospital, surgical, medical expense, and dental insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted for under the provisions of existing law be paid in full from the Acadia Parish sheriff's general fund for all Acadia Parish sheriffs and deputy sheriffs retired with at least 15 years of service who are at least 55 years of age, or retired with at least 30 years of service at any age, on or after January 1, 2015.

New law requires the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office to pay out of the sheriff's general fund 100% of the premium costs of group insurance, hospital, surgical, and medical expense insurance and the first \$10,000 of life insurance contracted pursuant to existing law for any sheriff, full-time deputy sheriff, or any other employee who has retired from the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office and who is eligible to receive benefits from the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund, and that meets the following qualifications:

- (1) Has at least 30 years of service being in a statewide retirement system with the final 12 years of continuous full-time creditable service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office.
- (2) Is at least 55 years of age.

New law requires insurance benefits to be based on the total amount of creditable service with a statewide retirement system including time earned in the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund and the recipient's coverage during the last active year of service with the Acadia Parish Sheriff's Office. New law requires coverage of these insurance benefits to be extended to the recipient's eligible dependents if the recipient requests such coverage.

New law provides that recipients of insurance be subject to all cost increases or changes to the active insurance plan.

New law applies to sheriffs and deputy sheriffs who retire on or after August 1, 2022.

Effective July 1, 2022.

(Adds R.S. 13:5554(G)(4)(d), (e), (f), and (g))