

HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
SENATE BILL NO. 546

A bill to amend 1980 PA 300, entitled  
"The public school employees retirement act of 1979,"  
by amending section 91 (MCL 38.1391), as amended by 2006 PA 617.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1       Sec. 91. (1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, the  
2 retirement system shall pay the entire monthly premium or  
3 membership or subscription fee for hospital, medical-surgical, and  
4 sick care benefits for the benefit of a retirant or retirement  
5 allowance beneficiary who elects coverage in the plan authorized by  
6 the retirement board and the department. ~~Upon the death of the~~  
7 ~~retirant, a retirement allowance beneficiary who became a~~  
8 ~~retirement allowance beneficiary under section 85(8) or (9) is not~~  
9 ~~a health insurance dependent and is not entitled to health benefits~~

1 ~~under this section except as provided in subsection (10).~~ **EXCEPT AS**  
2 **OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8), THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT**  
3 **APPLY TO A RETIRANT WHO FIRST BECOMES A MEMBER AFTER JUNE 30, 2008.**

4 (2) The retirement system may pay up to the maximum of the  
5 amount payable under subsection (1) toward the monthly premium for  
6 hospital, medical-surgical, and sick care benefits for the benefit  
7 of a retirant or retirement allowance beneficiary enrolled in a  
8 group health insurance or prepaid service plan not authorized by  
9 the retirement board and the department, if enrolled before June 1,  
10 1975, for whom the retirement system on July 18, 1983 was making a  
11 payment towards his or her monthly premium.

12 (3) A retirant or retirement allowance beneficiary receiving  
13 hospital, medical-surgical, and sick care benefits coverage under  
14 subsection (1) or (2), until eligible for medicare, shall have an  
15 amount equal to the cost chargeable to a medicare recipient for  
16 part B of medicare deducted from his or her retirement allowance.

17 (4) The retirement system shall pay 90% of the monthly premium  
18 or membership or subscription fee for dental, vision, and hearing  
19 benefits for the benefit of a retirant or retirement allowance  
20 beneficiary who elects coverage in the plan authorized by the  
21 retirement board and the department. Payments shall begin under  
22 this subsection upon approval by the retirement board and the  
23 department of plan coverage and a plan provider. **EXCEPT AS**  
24 **OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8), THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT**  
25 **APPLY TO A RETIRANT WHO FIRST BECOMES A MEMBER AFTER JUNE 30, 2008.**

26 (5) The retirement system shall pay up to 90% of the maximum  
27 of the amount payable under subsection (1) toward the monthly

1 premium or membership or subscription fee for hospital, medical-  
2 surgical, and sick care benefits coverage described in subsections  
3 (1) and (2) for each health insurance dependent of a retirant  
4 receiving benefits under subsection (1) or (2). Payment shall not  
5 exceed 90% of the actual monthly premium or membership or  
6 subscription fee. The retirement system shall pay 90% of the  
7 monthly premium or membership or subscription fee for dental,  
8 vision, and hearing benefits described in subsection (4) for the  
9 benefit of each health insurance dependent of a retirant receiving  
10 benefits under subsection (4). Payment for health benefits coverage  
11 for a health insurance dependent of a retirant shall not be made  
12 after the retirant's death, unless the retirant designated a  
13 retirement allowance beneficiary as provided in section 85 and the  
14 dependent was covered or eligible for coverage as a health  
15 insurance dependent of the retirant on the retirant's date of  
16 death. Payment for health benefits coverage shall not be made for a  
17 health insurance dependent after the later of the retirant's death  
18 or the retirement allowance beneficiary's death. Payment under this  
19 subsection and subsection (6) began October 1, 1985 for health  
20 insurance dependents who on July 10, 1985 were covered by the  
21 hospital, medical-surgical, and sick care benefits plan authorized  
22 by the retirement board and the department. Payment under this  
23 subsection and subsection (6) for other health insurance dependents  
24 shall not begin before January 1, 1986. **EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE**  
25 **PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (8), THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A**  
26 **RETIRANT WHO FIRST BECOMES A MEMBER AFTER JUNE 30, 2008.**

27 (6) The payment described in subsection (5) shall also be made

1 for each health insurance dependent of a deceased member or  
2 deceased duty disability retirant if a retirement allowance is  
3 being paid to a retirement allowance beneficiary because of the  
4 death of the member or duty disability retirant as provided in  
5 section 43c(c), 89, or 90. Payment for health benefits coverage for  
6 a health insurance dependent shall not be made after the retirement  
7 allowance beneficiary's death.

8 (7) The payments provided by this section shall not be made on  
9 behalf of a retiring section 82 deferred member or health insurance  
10 dependent of a deferred member having less than 21 full years of  
11 attained credited service or the retiring deferred member's  
12 retirement allowance beneficiary, and shall not be made on behalf  
13 of a retirement allowance beneficiary of a deferred member who dies  
14 before retiring. The retirement system shall pay, on behalf of a  
15 retiring section 82 deferred member or health insurance dependent  
16 of a deferred member or a retirement allowance beneficiary of a  
17 deceased deferred member, either of whose allowance is based upon  
18 not less than 21 years of attained credited service, 10% of the  
19 payments provided by this section, increased by 10% for each  
20 attained full year of credited service beyond 21 years, not to  
21 exceed 100%. This subsection applies to any member who **FIRST BECAME**  
22 **A MEMBER ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2008 AND** attains deferred status  
23 under section 82 after October 31, 1980.

24 (8) **FOR A MEMBER OR DEFERRED MEMBER WHO FIRST BECOMES A MEMBER**  
25 **AFTER JUNE 30, 2008, THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL PAY UP TO 90% OF**  
26 **THE MONTHLY PREMIUM OR MEMBERSHIP OR SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR THE**  
27 **HOSPITAL, MEDICAL-SURGICAL, AND SICK CARE BENEFITS PLAN, THE DENTAL**

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1 PLAN, VISION PLAN, AND HEARING PLAN, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THE  
2 PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RETIRANT AND HIS OR HER RETIREMENT  
3 ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY AND HEALTH INSURANCE DEPENDENTS, OR FOR THE  
4 BENEFIT OF THE DECEASED MEMBER'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY  
5 IF THE RETIRANT OR DECEASED MEMBER HAS [25] YEARS OR MORE OF SERVICE  
6 CREDIT UNDER THIS ACT, AND THE RETIRANT, DECEASED RETIRANT, OR  
7 DECEASED MEMBER WAS AT LEAST 60 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF  
8 APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION. IF THE RETIRANT OR  
9 DECEASED MEMBER IS LESS THAN 60 YEARS OF AGE AT THE TIME OF  
10 APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
11 SHALL PAY 90% OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM OR MEMBERSHIP OR SUBSCRIPTION  
12 FEE FOR THE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL-SURGICAL, AND SICK CARE BENEFITS  
13 PLAN, THE DENTAL PLAN, VISION PLAN, AND HEARING PLAN, OR ANY  
14 COMBINATION OF THE PLANS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE RETIRANT AND HIS OR  
15 HER RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY AND THE RETIRANT'S HEALTH  
16 INSURANCE DEPENDENTS, OR FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE DECEASED MEMBER'S  
17 RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY IF THE RETIRANT OR DECEASED MEMBER  
18 HAS [25] OR MORE YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT GRANTED UNDER SECTION 68. IF  
19 A RETIRANT, DECEASED RETIRANT, OR DECEASED MEMBER DESCRIBED IN THIS  
20 SUBSECTION HAS 10 OR MORE BUT LESS THAN [25] YEARS OF SERVICE CREDIT  
21 UNDER THIS ACT AND THE RETIRANT WAS AT LEAST 60 YEARS OF AGE AT THE  
22 TIME OF APPLICATION FOR BENEFITS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE RETIREMENT  
23 SYSTEM SHALL PAY A PORTION OF THE MONTHLY PREMIUM OR MEMBERSHIP OR  
24 SUBSCRIPTION FEE FOR THE PLANS OR COMBINATION OF PLANS EQUAL TO THE  
25 PRODUCT OF 3% AND THE RETIRANT'S, DECEASED RETIRANT'S, OR DECEASED  
26 MEMBER'S YEARS OF SERVICE [FOR THE FIRST 10 YEARS AND 4% FOR EACH YEAR  
27 AFTER THE FIRST 10 YEARS]. THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A  
MEMBER WHO RECEIVES A DISABILITY RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE UNDER SECTION

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1 86 OR 87 OR TO A DECEASED MEMBER'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY  
2 UNDER SECTION 90.

3 (9) THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL NOT PAY THE PREMIUMS OR  
4 MEMBERSHIP OR SUBSCRIPTION FEES UNDER SUBSECTION (8) UNTIL THE  
5 RETIRANT OR RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY REQUESTS ENROLLMENT IN  
6 THE PLANS OR COMBINATION OF PLANS IN WRITING IN THE MANNER  
7 PRESCRIBED BY THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM. [

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16 ] NOT MORE THAN 1 YEAR'S SERVICE  
17 CREDIT SHALL BE COUNTED FOR PURPOSES OF SUBSECTION (8) AND THIS  
18 SUBSECTION IN ANY SCHOOL FISCAL YEAR.

19 (10) A MEMBER WHO RETIRES UNDER SECTION 43B OR 81 AND WHO  
20 ELECTS TO PURCHASE SERVICE CREDIT ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2008 IS NOT  
21 ELIGIBLE FOR PAYMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION FOR THE HOSPITAL, MEDICAL-  
22 SURGICAL, AND SICK CARE BENEFITS PLAN, THE DENTAL PLAN, VISION  
23 PLAN, OR HEARING PLAN, OR ANY COMBINATION OF THE PLANS DESCRIBED IN  
24 THIS SECTION UNTIL THE FIRST DATE THAT THE MEMBER WOULD HAVE BEEN  
25 ELIGIBLE TO RETIRE UNDER SECTION 43B OR 81 IF HE OR SHE HAD NOT  
26 PURCHASED THE SERVICE CREDIT AND HAD ACCRUED A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF  
27 SERVICE CREDIT UNDER SECTION 68. A MEMBER WHO FIRST BECOMES A  
MEMBER ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2008 SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR HEALTH

1 BENEFITS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION UNTIL AT LEAST THE TIME OF  
2 APPLICATION UNDER SUBSECTION (8). THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL APPLY  
3 A METHOD THAT ENABLES IT TO MAKE THE DETERMINATION UNDER THIS  
4 SUBSECTION.

5 (11) EXCEPT FOR A MEMBER WHO RETIRES UNDER SECTION 86 OR 87 OR  
6 A MEMBER WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (7) OR (8),  
7 THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM SHALL NOT PAY THE BENEFITS PROVIDED IN  
8 SUBSECTION (1) OR (4) UNLESS THE MEMBER WAS EMPLOYED AND HAS  
9 RECEIVED A MINIMUM TOTAL OF 1/2 OF A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT GRANTED  
10 PURSUANT TO SECTION 68 DURING THE 2 SCHOOL FISCAL YEARS IMMEDIATELY  
11 PRECEDING THE MEMBER'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE EFFECTIVE DATE OR THE  
12 MEMBER HAS RECEIVED A MINIMUM OF 1/10 OF A YEAR OF SERVICE CREDIT  
13 GRANTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 68 DURING EACH OF THE 5 SCHOOL FISCAL  
14 YEARS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE MEMBER'S RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE  
15 EFFECTIVE DATE.

16 (12) ~~(8)~~—Any retirant or retirement allowance beneficiary  
17 excluded from payments under this section may participate in the  
18 hospital, medical-surgical, and sick care benefits plan, the dental  
19 plan, vision plan, or hearing plan, or any combination of the plans  
20 described in this section in the manner prescribed by the  
21 retirement system at his or her own cost.

22 (13) ~~(9)~~—The hospital, medical-surgical, and sick care  
23 benefits plan, dental plan, vision plan, and hearing plan that  
24 covers retirants, retirement allowance beneficiaries, and health  
25 insurance dependents pursuant to this section shall contain a  
26 coordination of benefits provision that provides all of the  
27 following:

1 (a) If the person covered under the hospital, medical-  
2 surgical, and sick care benefits plan is also eligible for medicare  
3 or medicaid, or both, then the benefits under medicare or medicaid,  
4 or both, shall be determined before the benefits of the hospital,  
5 medical-surgical, and sick care benefits plan provided pursuant to  
6 this section.

7 (b) If the person covered under any of the plans provided by  
8 this section is also covered under another plan that contains a  
9 coordination of benefits provision, the benefits shall be  
10 coordinated as provided by the coordination of benefits act, 1984  
11 PA 64, MCL 550.251 to 550.255.

12 (c) If the person covered under any of the plans provided by  
13 this section is also covered under another plan that does not  
14 contain a coordination of benefits provision, the benefits under  
15 the other plan shall be determined before the benefits of the plan  
16 provided pursuant to this section.

17 **(14) ~~(10)~~ A BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2009, UPON THE DEATH OF THE**  
18 **RETIRANT, A RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY WHO BECAME A**  
19 **RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE BENEFICIARY UNDER SECTION 85(8) OR (9) IS NOT**  
20 **A HEALTH INSURANCE DEPENDENT AND IS NOT ENTITLED TO HEALTH BENEFITS**  
21 **UNDER THIS SECTION EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION. BEGINNING**  
22 **JANUARY 1, 2009, A** surviving spouse selected as a retirement  
23 allowance beneficiary under section 85(8) or (9) may elect the  
24 insurance coverages provided in this section provided that payment  
25 for the elected coverages is the responsibility of the surviving  
26 spouse and is paid in a manner prescribed by the retirement system.

27 **(15) ~~(11)~~ For purposes of this section:**



1 (a) "Health insurance dependent" means any of the following:

2 (i) Except as provided in subsection ~~(1)~~(14), the spouse of  
3 the retirant or the surviving spouse to whom the retirant or  
4 deceased member was married at the time of the retirant's or  
5 deceased member's death.

6 (ii) An unmarried child, by birth or adoption, of the retirant  
7 or deceased member, until December 31 of the calendar year in which  
8 the child becomes 19 years of age.

9 (iii) An unmarried child, by birth or adoption, of the retirant  
10 or deceased member, until December 31 of the calendar year in which  
11 the child becomes 25 years of age, who is enrolled as a full-time  
12 student, and who is or was at the time of the retirant's or  
13 deceased member's death a dependent of the retirant or deceased  
14 member as defined in section 152 of the internal revenue code.

15 (iv) An unmarried child, by birth or adoption, of the retirant  
16 or deceased member who is incapable of self-sustaining employment  
17 because of mental or physical disability, and who is or was at the  
18 time of the retirant's or deceased member's death a dependent of  
19 the retirant or deceased member as defined in section 152 of the  
20 internal revenue code.

21 (v) The parents of the retirant or deceased member, or the  
22 parents of his or her spouse, who are residing in the household of  
23 the retirant or retirement allowance beneficiary.

24 (vi) An unmarried child who is not the child by birth or  
25 adoption of the retirant or deceased member but who otherwise  
26 qualifies to be a health insurance dependent under subparagraph  
27 (ii), (iii), or (iv), if the retirant or deceased member is the legal

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1 guardian of the unmarried child.

2 (b) "Medicaid" means benefits under the federal medicaid  
3 program established under title XIX of the social security act,  
4 ~~chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 USC 1396 to 1396f, 1396g-1 to 1396r-~~  
5 ~~6, and 1396r-8 to 1396v.~~

6 (c) "Medicare" means benefits under the federal medicare  
7 program established under title XVIII of the social security act,  
8 ~~chapter 531, 49 Stat. 620, 42 USC 1395 to 1395b, 1395b-2, 1395b-6~~  
9 ~~to 1395b-7, 1395c to 1395i, 1395i-2 to 1395i-5, 1395j to 1395t,~~  
10 ~~1395u to 1395w, 1395w-2 to 1395w-4, 1395w-21 to 1395w-28, 1395x to~~  
11 ~~1395yy, and 1395bbb to 1395ggg~~ **1395HHH**.

12 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
13 unless all of the following bills of the 94th Legislature are  
14 enacted into law **[and take effect]**:

15 (a) House Bill No. 5194.

16 (b) House Bill No. 5198.