

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0039

Retired state employees-insurance benefits.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) McOmie, Esquibel, Illoway, Johnson, W., Petersen and Slater and Senator(s) Decaria, Hanes, Meier, Mockler and Sessions

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the state employees and officials group
2 insurance plan; providing a state contribution for
3 retirees; and providing for an effective date.

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5 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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7 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-210(a) through (c) is amended to
8 read:

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10 **9-3-210. Amount of state's contribution; estimates**
11 **submitted to state budget officer; specified employees**
12 **participation in federal program.**

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14 (a) The state shall contribute monthly the amount
15 established and appropriated by the legislature for each

1 employee and official enrolled in the plan in accordance
2 with subsections (b) and (c) of this section. For retirees,
3 the state shall contribute for each retiree enrolled in the
4 plan, the lesser of:

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6 (i) Three hundred dollars (\$300.00); or

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8 (ii) The premium for coverage of the retiree
9 under the plan.

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11 (b) Any state agency, department or institution,
12 including the University of Wyoming and the community
13 colleges in the state, shall pay monthly to the department
14 the amount established and appropriated by the legislature
15 for each eligible employee or official electing to become
16 covered by any portion of the group insurance plan as the
17 contribution of the state to that plan during the period
18 the employee or official is enrolled in the plan. If the
19 monthly premium for coverage of the employee or official is
20 less than the amount established and appropriated by the
21 legislature, the balance may be applied to the premium for
22 coverage of dependents, or to the premium for any optional
23 group insurance coverage made available by the department,
24 if so elected. The department shall receive all

1 appropriations for retiree contributions under subsection
2 (a) of this section and shall apply monthly the amount
3 established under subsection (a) of this section for each
4 eligible retiree electing to become covered by any portion
5 of the group insurance plan as the contribution of the
6 retiree to that plan during the period the retiree is
7 enrolled in the plan.

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9 (c) Each state agency, department or institution,
10 including the University of Wyoming and the community
11 colleges in the state shall estimate the amount required
12 for its participation in the group insurance plan for the
13 next biennium and shall submit the estimate to the state
14 budget officer at the time the state budget officer makes
15 the request. The board shall estimate the amount required
16 for retiree contributions under subsection (a) of this
17 section and shall submit the estimate as provided by this
18 subsection.

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20 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2003.

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22 (END)