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INTRODUCTION**

HOUSE BILL NO.

State employees group insurance-retirees.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Sherwood

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to State Employees' and Officials' Group
2 Insurance Act; codifying and continuing the retiree health
3 insurance benefits account; establishing contribution rates
4 for group insurance plan coverage for eligible retirees as
5 specified; making a continuous appropriation; providing for
6 adjustments to rates; making conforming amendments;
7 specifying the applicability of rates for fiscal year 2028;
8 making a supplemental appropriation; and providing for an
9 effective date.

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11 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*
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1 **Section 1.** W.S. 9-3-203(a) by creating a new
2 paragraph (xvii) and by renumbering (xvii) as (xviii),
3 9-3-210 by creating a new subsection (g) and 9-3-211(b) are
4 amended to read:

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6 **9-3-203. Definitions.**

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8 (a) As used in this act:

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10 (xvii) "Retiree health insurance benefits
11 account" means the account created by 2008 Wyoming Session
12 Laws, Chapter 48, Section 303(e), which is hereby codified
13 and continued. All funds within the account shall be
14 invested by the state treasurer and all investment earnings
15 from the account shall be credited to the account. Funds in
16 the account are continuously appropriated for retiree
17 health insurance contributions paid pursuant to W.S. 9-3-
18 210(g). Notwithstanding W.S. 9-2-1008, 9-2-1012(e) and 9-4-
19 207, unobligated, unexpended funds in the account shall not
20 lapse or revert at the end of any fiscal period.

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22 ~~(xvii)~~ (xviii) "This act" means W.S. 9-3-202
23 through 9-3-220.

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2 9-3-210. Amount of state's contribution; estimates
3 submitted to state budget officer; specified employees
4 participation in federal program; participating employers
5 contributions; retiree contributions.
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7 (g) Monthly payments shall be contributed to the group
8 insurance plan on behalf of each eligible retiree of an
9 executive, legislative or judicial branch agency, including
10 retirees of the University of Wyoming and the community
11 colleges, who participates in the group insurance plan
12 under W.S. 9-3-218, subject to the following:
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14 (i) Payments to the plan on behalf of eligible
15 retirees shall be paid monthly at the rate of eighteen
16 dollars and forty cents (\$18.40) for each year of service
17 credit up to a maximum of thirty (30) years for a retiree
18 who is not Medicare eligible and at the rate of nine
19 dollars and twenty cents (\$9.20) for each year of service
20 credit up to a maximum of thirty (30) years for a retiree
21 who is Medicare eligible;
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1 (ii) Beginning July 1, 2028 and each July 1 of
2 each even-numbered year thereafter, the department shall
3 increase the contribution rates specified in paragraph (i)
4 of this subsection, as previously adjusted under this
5 paragraph, by the percentage increase, if any, in the
6 medical care component of the consumer price index for all
7 urban consumers, as published by the United States bureau
8 of labor statistics. For the adjustment made on July 1,
9 2028, the percentage increase shall be determined using the
10 consumer price index from the twelve (12) month period
11 ending December 31, 2027. For each adjustment thereafter,
12 the percentage increase shall be determined using the
13 twenty-four (24) month period ending December 31 of the
14 immediately preceding calendar year. The rates adjusted
15 under this paragraph shall be rounded to the nearest ten
16 cents (\$.10);

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18 (iii) Contributions under this subsection for
19 retirees whose effective date of retirement was before July
20 1, 2008 shall be paid from amounts appropriated by the
21 legislature for purposes of this paragraph. The state
22 auditor shall include in its standard budget request for
23 each fiscal biennium an amount necessary to provide the

1 contributions required for retirees whose effective date of
2 retirement was before July 1, 2008;

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4 (iv) Contributions under this subsection for
5 retirees whose effective date of retirement is July 1, 2008
6 or later shall be paid from the retiree health insurance
7 account. The department shall establish a rate, not to
8 exceed one percent (1%) of each benefit eligible employee's
9 salary for each pay period, sufficient to provide the
10 contributions required for retirees whose effective date of
11 retirement is July 1, 2008 or later. Each state agency,
12 including the University of Wyoming, the community colleges
13 and the legislative and judicial branches, shall include in
14 its standard budget request for each fiscal biennium
15 amounts calculated at the rate established by the
16 department under this paragraph. Amounts appropriated by
17 the legislature for purposes of this paragraph shall be
18 deposited into the retiree health insurance benefits
19 account.

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21 (v) If sufficient funds are not available from a
22 funding source to make the contributions required under
23 this subsection, payments on behalf of eligible retirees

1 funded from that funding source shall be reduced
2 proportionally.

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4 **9-3-211. Deductions from salaries of monthly**
5 **contributions by employees and officials; establishment of**
6 **procedure.**

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8 (b) The department shall establish procedures for
9 deducting and remitting monthly contributions by eligible
10 retirees enrolled in the group insurance plan ~~which~~after
11 payment of the contribution required under W.S. 9-3-210(g).
12 Procedures may include deductions from the retiree's state
13 retirement benefits or from the retiree's checking or
14 savings account.

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16 **Section 2.**

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18 (a) Notwithstanding 2026 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter
19 44, Section 304(b) and (c), beginning July 1, 2027,
20 contributions paid to the group insurance plan on behalf of
21 eligible retirees of executive, legislative and judicial
22 branch agencies, including retirees of the University of
23 Wyoming and the community colleges, who participate in the

1 group insurance plan under W.S. 9-3-218, and contributions
2 paid on behalf of eligible retirees of other employing
3 entities participating in the group insurance plan pursuant
4 to agreements under which the amount of the contribution is
5 determined by reference to the rates established by 2026
6 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 44, Section 304(b) and (c),
7 shall be paid at the applicable rates specified in W.S. 9-
8 3-210(g), as created by this act.

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10 (b) Amounts appropriated pursuant to 2026 Wyoming
11 Session Laws, Chapter 44, Section 304(b) and (c) shall
12 remain available and shall be used for purposes of paying
13 contributions required under W.S. 9-3-210(g), as created by
14 this act. In no event shall the total monthly contributions
15 paid from all appropriated sources to the group insurance
16 plan on behalf of an eligible retiree of an executive,
17 legislative or judicial branch agency, including a retiree
18 of the University of Wyoming or a community college, who
19 participates in the group insurance plan under W.S. 9-3-218
20 exceed the applicable monthly contribution amount specified
21 in under W.S. 9-3-210(g), as created by this act.

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(c) For retirees whose date of retirement was before July 1, 2008, there is appropriated six hundred ten thousand dollars (\$610,000.00) from the general fund to the state auditor for purposes of supplementing amounts appropriated under 2026 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 44, Section 304(b) and shall be expended only to the extent amounts appropriated under that subsection are insufficient to pay the contributions required under W.S. 9-10-210(g)(i), as created by this act. This appropriation shall be for the period beginning with the effective date of this act and ending June 30, 2028. This appropriation shall not be transferred or expended for any other purpose and any unexpended, unobligated funds remaining from this appropriation shall revert as provided by law on June 30, 2028.

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17 **Section 3.** This act is effective July 1, 2027.

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19 (END)