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SENATE, No. 2168

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED MAY 15, 1986

By Senator LIPMAN

Referred to Committee on State Government and Federal and Interstate Relations and Veterans Affairs

AN ACT to amend the "New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Act," approved June 3, 1961 (P. L. 1961, c. 49).

1 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
2 of New Jersey:

1 1. Section 8 of P. L. 1961, c. 49 (C. 52:14-17.32) is amended to
2 read as follows:

3 8. *a.* The basic coverage and the major medical coverage of any
4 employee, and of his dependents, if any, shall cease upon the discon-
5 tinuance of his term of office or employment or upon cessation of
6 active full-time employment subject to such regulations as may
7 be prescribed by the commission for limited continuance of basic
8 coverage and major medical coverage during disability, part-time
9 employment, leave of absence or lay off, and for continuance of
10 basic coverage and major medical coverage after retirement, any
11 such continuance after retirement to be provided at such rates and
12 under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the commission,
13 subject, however, to the requirements hereinafter set forth in this
14 section. The commission may also establish regulations prescribing
15 an extension of coverage when an employee or dependent is totally
16 disabled at termination of coverage.

17 *b.* Rates payable by retired employees for themselves and their
18 dependents, by active employees for dependents covered by medi-
19 care benefits, and by the State or other employer for an active
20 employee alone covered by medicare benefits, shall be determined
21 on the basis of utilization experience according to classifications

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter printed in italics thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Senate committee amendments adopted June 16, 1986.

22 determined by the commission, provided, however, that the total
23 rate payable by such retired employee for himself and his de-
24 pendents, or by such active employee for his dependents and the
25 State or other employer for such active employee alone, for
26 coverage hereunder and for Part B of medicare, shall not exceed
27 by more than 25%, as determined by the commission, the total
28 amount which would have been required to have been paid by him
29 and by the State or other employer for the coverage maintained
30 had he continued in office or active employment and he and his
31 dependents were not eligible for medicare benefits. "Medicare"
32 as used in this act means the coverage provided under Title XVIII
33 of the Social Security Act as amended in 1965, or its successor plan
34 or plans.

35 *c. (1)* From funds appropriated therefor, the State shall pay
36 the premium or periodic charges for the benefits provided to a re-
37 tired State employee and his dependents covered under the pro-
38 gram, but not including survivors, if such employee retired from a
39 State-administered retirement system effective on or after July 1,
40 1964 on a benefit based on 25 years or more of service credited in
41 such retirement system, excepting the employee who elected de-
42 ferred retirement, but including the employee who retired on a dis-
43 ability pension based on fewer years of service credited in such
44 retirement system and shall also reimburse such retired employee
45 for his premium charges under Part B of the federal medicare
46 program covering the retired employee and the employee's spouse.
47 In the case of full-time employees of the Rutgers University Co-
48 operative Extension Service, service credited in the federal Civil
49 Service Retirement System (5 U. S. C. § 8331 et seq.) which was
50 earned as a result of full-time employment at Rutgers University,
51 may be considered alone or in combination with service credited in
52 a State-administered retirement system for the purposes of estab-
53 lishing the minimum 25 year service requirement to qualify for the
54 benefits provided in this section. Any full-time employee of the
55 Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Service who retired on
56 or after July 1, 1972 and who meets the eligibility requirements set
57 forth in this amendatory act shall be eligible for the benefits pro-
58 vided in this section, provided that at the time of retirement such
59 employee was covered by the State Health Benefits Program and
60 elected to continue such coverage into retirement.

61 *(2)* *Notwithstanding the provisions of this section to the con-*
62 *trary, from funds appropriated therefor, the State shall pay the*
63 *premium or periodic charges for the benefits provided to a retired*
64 *State employee and his dependents covered under the program, but*

65 *not including survivors*, if: **[a. if]** *(a) the employee retires*
 66 *on or after the effective date of this 1986 amendatory act; **[b. if]***
 67 *(b) the employee was employed by Rutgers University prior to*
 68 *January **[1,]** ^{2,} 1955 and **[remains]** *remained* in contin-*
 69 *uous service with Rutgers University until retirement even **[if]***
 70 *though the employee (i) did not join a State-administered*
 71 *retirement system, or, **[if]** (ii) became a member of a State-*
 72 *administered retirement system, **[has]** but accumulated less*
 73 *than 25 years of credited service; and **[c. if]** (c) the employee*
 74 *is **[enrolled in]** covered by the program at the time of retire-*
 75 *ment.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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 employees of Rutgers University.

65 *cluding survivors: a. if the employee retires on or after the effective*
 66 *date of this 1986 amendatory act; b. if the employee was employed*
 67 *by Rutgers University prior to January 1, 1955 and remains in con-*
 68 *tinuous service with Rutgers University until retirement even if*
 69 *the employee did not join a State-administered retirement system*
 70 *or, if a member of a State-administered retirement system, has less*
 71 *than 25 years of credited service; and c. if the employee is enrolled*
 72 *in the program at tthe time of retirement.*

1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Sponsors

STATEMENT

This bill requires the State to pay the premium or periodic charges for the benefits provided to a retired State employee and his dependents covered under the State Health Benefits Program, but not including survivors: a. if the employee retires on or after the effective date of this 1986 amendatory act; b. if the employee was employed by Rutgers University prior to January 1, 1955 and remains in continuous service with Rutgers University until retirement even if the employee did not join a State-administered retirement system or, if a member of a State-administered retirement system, has less than 25 years of credited service; and c. if the employee is enrolled in the program at the time of retirement.

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ASSEMBLY STATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2168

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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 24, 1986

The Assembly State Government Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2168 OCR.

This bill amends the provisions of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Act which extend State-paid coverage to certain retired State employees and their dependents. Under the bill, this post-retirement program coverage would be made available with respect to certain long-time employees of Rutgers University. Employees affected by the bill would be those who:

- a. Retire on or after the date on which the bill takes effect as law;
- b. Were employed by Rutgers University prior to January 2, 1955 and remained in continuous service with the university until retirement, even though the employee either never joined a State-administered retirement system or joined such a system but did not accumulate the 25 years of service credit therein which would automatically qualify him and his dependents under existing law for the post-retirement coverage; and
- c. Are covered by the SHBP at the time of retirement.

SENATE STATE GOVERNMENT, FEDERAL AND INTERSTATE
RELATIONS AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Statement to

SENATE BILL NO. 2168 SCA

Dated: June 16, 1986

The Senate State Government Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2168.

This bill amends the provisions of the New Jersey State Health Benefits Program Act which extend State-paid coverage to certain retired State employees and their dependents. Under the bill, this retirement coverage would be made available to certain long-term employees of Rutgers University who:

- a. Retire on or after the date on which the bill takes effect;
- b. Were employed by Rutgers University prior to January 2, 1955 and remained in continuous service with the University until retirement, even though the employee either never joined a State-administered retirement system or joined such a system but did not accumulate the 25 years of service credit necessary to qualify for State-paid coverage; and
- c. Are covered by the SHBP at the time of retirement.

The committee amended the bill to clarify the wording of the amendatory language.