

# House Bill 2957

Sponsored by COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS AND LABOR

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Requires Public Employees' Benefit Board to make employee-paid supplemental insurance plans available to eligible employees.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to supplemental insurance plans.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. As used in sections 2 and 3 of this 2009 Act, "eligible employee" and "family**  
5 **member" have the meanings given those terms in ORS 243.105.**

6 **SECTION 2. (1) The Public Employees' Benefit Board shall make available one or more**  
7 **supplemental insurance plans. The plans shall be made available to eligible employees, retired**  
8 **employees and family members.**

9 **(2) Employees of local governments and employees of political subdivisions may partic-**  
10 **ipate in the plans under terms and conditions established by the board, if participation does**  
11 **not jeopardize the financial viability of the board's supplemental insurance plans. However,**  
12 **unless the local government or political subdivision provides otherwise, the employee's par-**  
13 **ticipation in the plans is a personal action of the employee and does not obligate the local**  
14 **government or political subdivision to pay for the costs of supplemental insurance under this**  
15 **subsection.**

16 **(3) Participation of eligible employees or retired employees in a supplemental insurance**  
17 **plan made available by the board is voluntary and is subject to reasonable underwriting**  
18 **guidelines and eligibility rules established by the board.**

19 **(4) The employee or retired employee is solely responsible for the payment of the sup-**  
20 **plemental insurance premium rates developed by the board. The board is authorized to**  
21 **charge a reasonable administrative fee, in addition to the premium charged by the supple-**  
22 **mental insurer, to cover the cost of administration and consumer education materials.**

23 **SECTION 3. (1) The Public Employees' Benefit Board shall develop cost-effective ways to**  
24 **make the supplemental insurance plans described in section 2 of this 2009 Act available.**

25 **(2) The board, in consultation with the Public Employees Retirement System, shall de-**  
26 **velop supplemental insurance plan design, eligibility rules, underwriting principles and edu-**  
27 **cational materials in order to:**

28 **(a) Allow eligible employees to continue to participate in the plans after retirement; and**

29 **(b) Allow retired employees to enroll in the plans.**

30 **(3) The board's education program for the eligible employees and retired employees shall**  
31 **provide information on the potential need for supplemental insurance and the availability of**

**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter *[italic and bracketed]* is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.

1 **supplemental insurance plans offered by the board.**

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