

## 96TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2009 and 2010 HB0578

Introduced 2/6/2009, by Rep. Angelo Saviano

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

40 ILCS 5/17-142.1

from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-142.1

Amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Limits what the Board may reimburse for the cost of health care insurance coverage to 75% of the cost for recipients of a service retirement, disability retirement, or survivor's pension and removes other provisions limiting the reimbursement. Effective immediately.

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1 AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

- Section 5. The Illinois Pension Code is amended by changing

  Section 17-142.1 as follows:
- 6 (40 ILCS 5/17-142.1) (from Ch. 108 1/2, par. 17-142.1)
- Sec. 17-142.1. To defray health insurance costs. To provide for the partial reimbursement of health insurance costs.
  - (1) On the first day of September of each year, beginning in 1988, the Board may, by separate warrant, pay to each recipient of a service retirement, disability retirement or survivor's pension an amount to be determined by the Board, which shall represent partial reimbursement of 75% of for the cost of the recipient's health insurance coverage.
    - (2) In lieu of the annual payment authorized in subdivision (1), for pensioners enrolled in the Fund's regular health care deduction plans, the Fund may pay the health insurance premium reimbursement on a monthly rather than annual basis, at the percentage rate established from time to time by the Board. If the Board so directs, these monthly payments may be made in the form of a direct payment of premium and a reduction in the amount deducted from the annuity, rather than in the form of reimbursement by separate warrant.

(3) Total payments under this Section in any year may not

- 2 exceed \$65,000,000 plus any amount that was authorized to be
- 3 paid under this Section in the preceding year but was not
- 4 actually paid by the Board, including any interest earned
- 5 thereon.

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- 6 (4) The total amount of payments under this Section in any
- 7 year may not exceed 75% of the total cost of health insurance
- 8 coverage in that year for all the recipients who receive
- 9 payments authorized by this Section in that year.
- 10 (Source: P.A. 93-677, eff. 6-28-04.)
- 11 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
- 12 becoming law.