



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB5210

Introduced 2/10/2026, by Rep. Lawrence "Larry" Walsh, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

20 ILCS 405/405-550 new

Amends the Department of Central Management Services Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois. Creates the Disability Benefits Maximization Program. Provides that, within 6 months after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Department of Central Management Services, in conjunction with the 5 State-funded retirement systems, shall enter into a contract with an administrator to establish and conduct a Disability Benefits Maximization Program to identify individuals eligible for but not enrolled in Medicare, and to assist those individuals with enrolling in Social Security and Medicare. Provides that the Disability Benefits Maximization Program shall conduct an annual audit of the State health benefits program for everyone covered under the State Employees Group Insurance Program, the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program, and the College Insurance Program for the purpose of identifying participants and their dependents who are eligible for Medicare under federal law and shall also ensure that those annuitants, retirees, benefit recipients, survivors, and dependents who are eligible for Medicare are enrolled in Medicare with Medicare as their primary health care benefits coverage and the State health benefits program being the secondary provider of their health care benefits coverage. Provides that the Disability Benefits Maximization Program shall assist annuitants, retirees, benefit recipients, and their survivors and dependents who become disabled and are not enrolled in Social Security Disability Insurance and Medicare with enrolling in and obtaining Social Security Disability Insurance and Medicare benefits. Provides that the administrator of the Disability Benefits Maximization Program shall provide the Department, the 5 State-funded retirement systems, and the General Assembly with an annual report. Effective January 1, 2027.

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1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Central Management Services
5 Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by
6 adding Section 405-550 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 405/405-550 new)

8 Sec. 405-550. Disability Benefits Maximization Program.

9 (a) Within 6 months after the effective date of this
10 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the Department
11 of Central Management Services, in conjunction with the State
12 Employees' Retirement System of Illinois, the State
13 Universities Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement
14 System of the State of Illinois, the Judges Retirement System
15 of Illinois, and the General Assembly Retirement System, shall
16 enter into a contract with a qualified and experienced
17 administrator to establish and conduct a Disability Benefits
18 Maximization Program to identify annuitants, retirees, benefit
19 recipients, and their survivors or dependents who are eligible
20 for but not enrolled in Medicare, and to assist those
21 annuitants, retirees, benefit recipients, survivors, and
22 dependents with enrollment in Social Security and Medicare.

23 (b) The Disability Benefits Maximization Program shall

1 conduct an annual audit of the State health benefits program
2 for everyone covered under the State Employees Group Insurance
3 Program, the Teachers' Retirement Insurance Program, and the
4 College Insurance Program for the purpose of identifying
5 participants and their dependents who are eligible for
6 Medicare under federal law. The Program shall also ensure that
7 those annuitants, retirees, benefit recipients, survivors, and
8 dependents who are eligible for Medicare are enrolled in
9 Medicare with Medicare as their primary health care benefits
10 coverage and the State health benefits program being the
11 secondary provider of their health care benefits coverage.

12 (c) The Disability Benefits Maximization Program shall
13 assist annuitants, retirees, benefit recipients, and their
14 survivors and dependents who become disabled and are not
15 enrolled in Social Security Disability Insurance and Medicare
16 with enrolling in and obtaining Social Security Disability
17 Insurance and Medicare benefits. This assistance shall
18 include, but shall not be limited to: (i) developing
19 communication materials to educate individuals about Social
20 Security Disability Insurance benefits; (ii) performing
21 multiple outreach efforts to targeted populations; (iii)
22 analyzing responses to determine Social Security Disability
23 Insurance eligibility; and (iv) representing qualified
24 individuals on their claims for Social Security Disability
25 Insurance and Medicare.

26 (d) The administrator shall provide the Department, the

1 State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois, the State
2 Universities Retirement System, the Teachers' Retirement
3 System of the State of Illinois, the Judges Retirement System
4 of Illinois, the General Assembly Retirement System, and the
5 General Assembly with an annual report showing the number of
6 annuitants, retirees, benefit recipients, survivors, and
7 dependents who are transitioned to Social Security Disability
8 Insurance and Medicare and the amount of savings realized by
9 the State of Illinois.

10 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on
11 January 1, 2027.