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House Bill 66 Sectional Analysis – Version W

Section One: Adds to the list of persons entitled to major medical insurance under the retiree health plan, the surviving spouse and children of a teacher who has died in the line of duty

Section Two: Adds to the list of persons who need not make premium payments for major medical insurance coverage, the surviving spouse and children of a teacher who has died in the line of duty

Section Three: Clarifies that eligibility for retirement for a teacher is determined by either having served for 30 years or having reached normal retirement age with at least 10 years of service

Section Four: Clarifies that elected medical benefits under the TRS health plan are available to a retiree, their surviving spouse and children, and adds to the list the surviving spouse and children of a teacher who has died in the line of duty

Section Five: Changes “member” to “person”, to allow for the inclusion of the surviving spouse and children of a teacher who has died in the line of duty among those who can apply for major medical insurance coverage under the retiree health plan

Section Six: Describes that if a person elects not to participate in the TRS health plan, this choice becomes irrevocable if they reach Medicare eligibility or become employed.

Section Seven: Provides that medical benefits will be paid to those eligible until no surviving spouse or dependent child remains

Section Eight: Allows that a dependent child can qualify for the major medical insurance coverage plan even in cases in which no surviving spouse exists

Section Nine: Clarifies that a recipient of the TRS major medical insurance coverage plan does not need to elect coverage, they can simply receive it, and does not have to die to terminate coverage, they can simply become ineligible

Section Ten: Provides that the surviving spouse and children of a teacher who has died in the line of duty need not make premium payments

Section Eleven: Prevents the surviving spouse and children of a teacher from being subject to major medical benefit re-calculation

Section Twelve: Provides reimbursement for the medical expenses of a dependent child of a state employee who has died in the line of duty if there is no surviving spouse

Section Thirteen: Same as Section 1, applies to PERS

Section Fourteen: Same as Section 2, applies to PERS

Section Fifteen: Clarifies that eligibility for retirement for a public employee is determined by either having served for 30 years or having reached normal retirement age with at least 10 years of service

Section Sixteen: Same as Section 4, applies to PERS

Section Seventeen: Same as Section 5, applies to PERS

Section Eighteen: Same as Section 6, applies to PERS

Section Nineteen: Same as Section 7, applies to PERS

Section Twenty: Same as Section 8, applies to PERS

Section Twenty-one: Same as Section 9, applies to PERS

Section Twenty-two: Same as Section 10, applies to PERS

Section Twenty-three: Same as Section 11, applies to PERS

Section Twenty-four: Defines a “retiree” as a member who qualifies for retirement as described in Section 15, and no longer as a person who has elected to receive medical benefits within the retiree health plan

Section Twenty-five: Repealing language

Section Twenty-six: Adds a retroactive date of January 1, 2013

Section Twenty-seven: This act would take effect immediately