

S.B. 501

SENATE BILL NO. 501—COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

MAY 18, 2023

Referred to Committee on Finance

SUMMARY—Establishes for the 2023-2025 biennium the subsidies to be paid to the Public Employees’ Benefits Program for insurance for certain active and retired public officers and employees. (BDR S-1209)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: Executive Budget.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to programs for public personnel; establishing for the 2023-2025 biennium the subsidies to be paid to the Public Employees’ Benefits Program for insurance for certain active and retired public officers and employees; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Under existing law, the State and local governments are required to pay a
2 portion of the cost of coverage under the Public Employees’ Benefits Program for
3 certain active and retired public officers and employees. (NRS 287.023, 287.044,
4 287.0445, 287.046) **Section 1** of this bill establishes the amount of the State’s share
5 of the costs of premiums or contributions for group insurance for active state
6 officers and employees who participate in the Public Employees’ Benefits Program.
7 **Section 2** of this bill establishes the base amount for the share of the costs of
8 premiums or contributions for group insurance under the Program that is required
9 to be paid by the State and local governments for retired public officers and
10 employees. **Section 2** also establishes the share of the cost of qualified medical
11 expenses for individual Medicare insurance plans through the Program that is
12 required to be paid by the State and local governments for retired public officers
13 and employees.



THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** 1. For the purposes of NRS 287.044 and
2 287.0445, the State's share of the cost of premiums or contributions
3 for group insurance for each active state officer or employee who
4 elects to participate in the Public Employees' Benefits Program is:

5 (a) For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, \$730.00 per month.

6 (b) For the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, \$759.00 per month.

7 2. If the amount of the State's share pursuant to this section
8 exceeds the actual premium or contribution for the plan of the
9 Public Employees' Benefits Program that the state officer or
10 employee selects, less any amount paid by the state officer or
11 employee toward the premium or contribution, the balance must be
12 credited to the Fund for the Public Employees' Benefits Program
13 created by NRS 287.0435, which may be used to pay a portion of
14 the premiums or contributions for persons who are eligible to
15 participate in the Public Employees' Benefits Program through such
16 a state officer or employee.

17 **Sec. 2.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 2, for
18 the purposes of NRS 287.023 and 287.046, the base amount for the
19 share of the cost of premiums or contributions for group insurance
20 for each person who has retired with state service and continues to
21 participate in the Public Employees' Benefits Program to be paid by
22 the State or a local government, as applicable, is:

23 (a) For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, \$515.00 per month.

24 (b) For the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, \$545.00 per month.

25 2. For the purposes of NRS 287.023 and 287.046, the share of
26 the cost of qualified medical expenses for each person who has
27 retired with state service and whose coverage is provided through
28 the Public Employees' Benefits Program by an individual medical
29 plan offered pursuant to the Health Insurance for the Aged Act, 42
30 U.S.C. §§ 1395 et seq., for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and Fiscal Year
31 2024-2025 to be paid by the State or a local government, as
32 applicable, is:

33 (a) For those persons who retired before January 1, 1994:

34 (1) For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, \$195.00 per month.

35 (2) For the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, \$195.00 per month.

36 (b) For those persons who retired on or after January 1, 1994:

37 (1) For the Fiscal Year 2023-2024, \$13.00 per month per
38 year of service, up to 20 years, excluding service purchased
39 pursuant to NRS 1A.310 or 286.300, up to a maximum of \$260.00
40 per month.

41 (2) For the Fiscal Year 2024-2025, \$13.00 per month per
42 year of service, up to 20 years, excluding service purchased



1 pursuant to NRS 1A.310 or 286.300, up to a maximum of \$260.00
2 per month.

3 3. If the amount calculated pursuant to this section exceeds the
4 actual premium or contribution for the plan of the Public
5 Employees' Benefits Program that the retired participant selects, the
6 balance must be credited to the Fund for the Public Employees'
7 Benefits Program created by NRS 287.0435.

8 **Sec. 3.** Notwithstanding the provisions of NRS 218D.430 and
9 218D.435, a committee may vote on this act before the expiration of
10 the period prescribed for the return of a fiscal note in NRS
11 218D.475. This section applies retroactively from and after May 16,
12 2023.

13 **Sec. 4.** This act becomes effective on July 1, 2023.

