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SYNOPSIS

Provides certain part-time faculty members at public institutions of higher education with partially paid health care benefits.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning health care benefits for certain part-time faculty
2 members at the public institutions of higher education and
3 supplementing P.L.1961, c.49 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.) and Title
4 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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6 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
7 of New Jersey:

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9 1. a. Notwithstanding any provision of P.L.1961, c. 49
10 (C.52:14-17.25 et seq.) or P.L.2003, c.172 (C.52:14-17.33a) to the
11 contrary, a part-time faculty member, including part-time lecturers
12 and adjunct faculty members, at a public institution of higher
13 education in this State that participates in the program, who is
14 enrolled in a State-administered retirement system and whose
15 workload, within an academic year, is 25 or more percent of the
16 established workload of a full-time faculty member at the same
17 institution shall be eligible to participate in the State Health
18 Benefits Program. The higher education employer shall be liable
19 for the premium or periodic charges for the coverage selected for
20 the part-time faculty member and dependents in the same
21 proportion that the workload of the part-time faculty member bears
22 to the established workload of a full-time faculty member at the
23 employer's institution of higher education. The part-time faculty
24 member shall pay the remainder of the full cost of the coverage
25 selected, unless the employer shall be obligated to pay all or a
26 portion of such costs in accordance with the provisions of a binding
27 collective negotiations agreement. The method of payment, at the
28 discretion of the part-time faculty member, shall be through a pay-
29 roll deduction procedure established by the employer or direct
30 payment by the part-time faculty member.

31 b. The State Health Benefits Commission may establish rules
32 and regulations concerning the enrollment and termination of
33 coverage of part-time faculty members in the State Health Benefits
34 Program, pursuant to this section, and the procedures for the
35 remittance of the part-time faculty member's proportionate share of
36 premium or periodic charges to the program of the cost of coverage.

37 c. The laws and regulations governing the State Health
38 Benefits Program, except as modified in this section, are applicable
39 to enrollments in the program under this section and shall be
40 construed to apply to part-time faculty members and their
41 dependents in the same manner as to full-time employees or faculty
42 members and their dependents to the extent possible.

43 d. Participation in the State Health Benefits Program pursuant
44 to this section shall not qualify the part-time faculty member for
45 employer or State-paid health care benefits in retirement in the
46 program. Upon retirement, such part-time faculty members shall be
47 permitted to enroll in the State Health Benefits Program through the
48 retired group at their own expense.

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- 1 deduction procedure established by the employer or direct payment
- 2 by the part-time faculty member.