

1 AN ACT relating to life insurance for public employees.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 18A.205 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) The secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet, upon the recommendation
5 of the secretary, may procure from one (1) or more life insurance companies,
6 authorized to do business in this state, a policy or policies of group life insurance
7 insuring the lives of all or any class or classes of ***public***~~[state]~~ employees. The
8 policy or policies shall be approved by the commissioner of insurance and may
9 contain such provisions as the commissioner of insurance approves whether or not
10 otherwise permitted by the insurance laws. It is intended that life insurance may be
11 made available for ***public***~~[state]~~ employees, except that the procuring is permissive.

12 (2) ***(a) As used in***~~[The term "state employee," for purposes of]~~ KRS 18A.205 to
13 18A.215, ***"public employee"*** shall mean a person who:

14 ***1.*** Is regularly employed by ***a public employer; and***~~[any department, board,~~
15 ~~agency, or branch of state government, and who]~~

16 ***2.*** Is also:

17 ***a.***~~[(a)]~~ A contributing member of any one (1) of the state-
18 administered retirement systems;~~[or]~~

19 ***b.***~~[(b)]~~ A retiree of a state-administered retirement system who is
20 employed in a regular full-time position for purposes of retirement
21 coverage, but who is not eligible to contribute to one (1) of the
22 systems administered by Kentucky Retirement Systems pursuant to
23 KRS 61.637(17); ***or***

24 ***c. An individual participating in an optional retirement plan***
25 ***authorized by KRS 161.567.***

26 ***(b)*** Notwithstanding the definition of "***public***~~[state]~~ employee" in this subsection,
27 any federally funded time-limited employee may receive insurance coverage.

1 (3) As used in this section and Section 2 of this Act, "public employer" shall mean
 2 the following employers, if the employer has opted to participate in the state-
 3 sponsored group life insurance program:

4 (a) Any department, office, board, agency, commission, authority, or branch of
 5 state government;

6 (b) A public postsecondary educational institution;

7 (c) Any department, office, board, agency, commission, authority, or branch of
 8 a city, urban-county, charter county, county, unified local government, or
 9 consolidated local government; or

10 (d) Any certified or classified employee or elected member of a local board of
 11 education.

12 ~~(4)~~⁽³⁾ As used in ~~[The term "premiums," for the purposes of]~~ KRS 18A.205 to
 13 18A.225, "premiums" shall mean premiums to be paid on any type of insurance
 14 authorized under KRS 18A.205 to 18A.225.

15 ➔Section 2. KRS 18A.210 is amended to read as follows:

16 The premiums may be paid by the policyholder:

17 (1) Wholly from funds contributed by the insured public employee, by payroll
 18 deduction or otherwise;~~;~~

19 (2) Wholly from funds contributed by the public employer~~[state or department or~~
 20 ~~agency];~~ or

21 (3) Partly from each.

22 No payment of premium by the public employer~~[state or department, board or agency]~~
 23 shall constitute compensation to an insured public employee for the purposes of any
 24 statute fixing or limiting the compensation of such an employee; any premium or other
 25 expense incurred by the public employer~~[state or department, board or agency]~~ shall be
 26 considered a proper cost of administration.

27 ➔Section 3. KRS 18A.215 is amended to read as follows:

1 The policy or policies may also provide accidental death and dismemberment insurance
2 and may contain such provisions with respect to the class or classes of *public* employees
3 covered, amounts of insurance for designated classes or groups of *public* employees,
4 terms of eligibility, continuation of insurance after retirement, and such other provisions
5 as the commissioner of insurance may approve.