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PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2053

Page 1, line 1, replace "sections" with "section"

Page 1, line 2, remove "and 54-52-06.4"

Page 1, line 3, after the second comma insert "section 54-52.1-03.4,"

Page 1, line 5, remove "decreased employee contributions"

Page 1, remove line 6

Page 1, line 7, remove "criminal investigation,"

Page 1, line 9, after the comma insert "temporary employee participation in the uniform group insurance program"

Page 1, line 10, remove "and"

Page 1, line 11, after "plan" insert ", to provide a contingent effective date; and to provide an expiration date"

Page 7, remove lines 18 through 31

Page 8, remove lines 1 through 10

Page 15, after line 19, insert:

"SECTION 7. AMENDMENT. Section 54-52.1-03.4 of the North Dakota Century Code is amended and reenacted as follows:

54-52.1-03.4. Temporary employees and employees on unpaid leave of absence.

1. A temporary employee employed before August 1, 2007, may elect to participate in the uniform group insurance program by completing the necessary enrollment forms and qualifying under the medical underwriting requirements of the program if such election is made before January 1, 2015, and if the temporary employee is participating in the uniform group insurance program on January 1, 2015.
2. In order for a temporary employee employed after July 31, 2007, to qualify to participate in the uniform group insurance program, the employee must be employed at least twenty hours per week; must be employed at least twenty weeks each year of employment; must make the election to participate before January 1, 2015; and must be participating in the uniform group insurance program as of January 1, 2015. ~~a To be eligible to participate in the uniform group insurance program,~~
3. ~~A temporary employee first employed after December 31, 2014, or any temporary employee employed before the effective date of this section of this Act but not participating in the uniform group insurance program as of January 1, 2015, must meet the definition of a full-time employee under section 4980H(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 4980H(c)~~

(4)on the effective date of this section of this Act, does not qualify to participate in the uniform group insurance program, unless the employee is employed at least thirty hours per week for at least twenty weeks each year of employment. Notwithstanding contrary provisions of this subsection, a temporary employee participating in the uniform group insurance program on the effective date of this section of this Act remains eligible through the end of the calendar year during which the effective date of this section of this Act occurs and after that calendar year the temporary employee is subject to the eligibility provisions of subsection 1, 2, or 3, as applicable.

4. Monthly, the temporary employee or the temporary employee's employer shall pay to the board the premiums in effect for the coverage being provided. ~~In the case of a temporary employee who is an applicable taxpayer as defined in section 36B(c)(1)(A) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 36B(c)(1)(A)], the temporary employee's required contribution for medical and hospital benefits self-only coverage may not exceed the maximum employee required contribution specified under section 36B(c)(2)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 36B(c)(2)(C)], and the employer shall pay any difference between the maximum employee required contribution for medical and hospital benefits self-only coverage and the cost of the premiums in effect for this coverage. An employer may pay health or life insurance premiums for a permanent employee on an unpaid leave of absence. A political subdivision, department, board, or agency may make a contribution for coverage under this section.~~

Page 17, after line 11, insert:

"SECTION 11. CONTINGENT EFFECTIVE DATE - EXPIRATION DATE.

Section 7 of this Act becomes effective on the date identified by the executive director of the public employees retirement system in a certification to the legislative council as the effective date of a repeal of sections 4980H(a) and 4980H(b) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 4980H(a) and 490H(b)] or the effective date of an amendment of sections 4980H(a) and 4980H(b) of the Internal Revenue Code [26 U.S.C. 4980H(a) and 490H(b)] resulting in the assessable payments under sections 4980H(a) and 4980H(b) [26 U.S.C. 4980H(a) and 490H(b)] becoming zero dollars. If this certification does not occur before August 1, 2019, Section 7 of this Act expires and is ineffective."

Renumber accordingly