

April 21, 2005

H 1524. COMPETITIVE SELECTION/SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE. TO PROVIDE FOR COMPETITIVE SELECTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE PRODUCTS FOR RETIREES.

Enacts new Article 7 of GS Chapter 135 to require Department of State Treasurer to (1) review insurance products currently offered to retirees from teachers' and state employees' retirement system, local government employees retirement system, legislative retirement system, and judicial retirement system to determine if those products meet needs and desires of retirees; and (2) competitively select types of insurance products reflecting their needs and desires.

Assignment of insurance products for retirement benefit payment deduction slot to be for period of not less than two years with specified exception. When deduction is no longer available, insurance company may not terminate insurance products purchased by retirees without their written consent. Sets out procedure for selection of insurance product proposals, including sealing of proposals and opening of proposals in public, later selection of proposals, and company's opportunity to modify or withdraw proposal.

Intro. by Wilson, Bell, Coleman.

Ref. to Insurance

GS 135

May 23, 2005

H 1524. COMPETITIVE SELECTION/SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE. Intro. 4/21/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes only.

June 1, 2005

H 1524. COMPETITIVE SELECTION/SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE. Intro. 4/21/05. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 2nd edition. Modifies proposed GS 135-120 to direct a committee designated by the Department of State Treasurer, rather than the Department itself, to review and recommend proposals for supplemental insurance products, with final award made by the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System. Deletes provision requiring that Department hire staff to carry out duties of section and authorizing Department to charge those costs to participants.

August 23, 2005

H 1524. SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE/PERS. COMM./SEIBP. (NEW). Intro. 4/21/05. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Modifies proposed GS 135-120(b) to provide that the Treasurer's award to an insurance company of the right to sell insurance to retirees through benefit payment deductions is effective for a minimum of two years unless the company violates the agreement. Adds the following new provisions to the bill: (1) Adds new GS 126-4(19) and GS 126-4.2 directing the State Personnel Commission to establish policies for pilot projects designed to determine whether changes in existing programs or new programs (other than incentive pay programs) would be of benefit to the state, and authorizing state agencies and UNC (with the concurrence of the Office of State Budget and Management) to use any allowable and available funds to operate authorized pilot projects. Sets criteria for implementation and evaluation of pilot projects. (2) Amends GS 143-34.1 and GS 126-3 to authorize the Office of State Personnel to administer a program of dependent care assistance and a plan of flexible compensation for state employees upon delegation of authority from the Governor. Makes corresponding amendment to GS 116-17.2 regarding flexible compensation for UNC employees (3) Repeals Article 36A ("State Employee Incentive Bonus Program") of GS Chapter 143 and reenacts the substantive provisions of that article in new Article 16 (with the same name) of GS Chapter 126. New Article 16 differs from old Article 36A in the following principal ways: (a) provides that a state program coordinator for the incentive bonus program is to be named by the State Personnel Director, (b) changes the membership of the Incentive Bonus Review Committee from nine to eleven by eliminating a representative of the Office of State Personnel, eliminating a representative of the Department of Labor, adding three representatives from cabinet agencies appointed by the State Personnel Director, and adding a representative of

the Department of State Auditor, and (c) making clear that the review committee is to recommend approval or rejection of suggestions.

August 23, 2005

H 1524. SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE/PERS. COMM./SEIBP. Intro. 4/21/05. Senate amendments make the following changes to 4th edition. Amendment #1 deletes proposed new GS 126-4(19) and GS 126-4.2, relating to pilot projects, and modifies the title accordingly. Amendment #2 enacts new GS 126-96(j) providing that elected officials and upper management employees are not eligible for the state employee incentive bonus program.