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H 1247. STATE HEALTH PLAN/EMPLOYEE-ONLY PREMIUM. Filed 4/8/09. *TO REQUIRE STATE EMPLOYEES HIRED ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2009, AND CERTAIN RETIREES, TO PAY A PREMIUM FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE HEALTH PLAN FOR TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES.*

Amends GS 135-45.2 to include permanent full-time employees of an employing unit (defined in GS 135-45.1) as of September 30, 2009, among those eligible for coverage under the State Health Plan (the Plan). Adds new subsection GS 135-45.2(a1) to require payment of a premium for those covered under the Plan as state or local government retirees on and after October 1, 2009, and appears to add a similar provision for state and local government employees hired on and after October 1, 2009. Provides that the premium amount shall be based on the employee's gross annual salary or retiree's gross pension payment, combined with any covered spouse's salary or pension payment. For employees or retirees whose salary or pension payment is less than \$50,000, sets the premium at \$10 per month. For employees or retirees whose salary or pension payment is between \$50,000 and \$100,000, the premium is \$15 per month. And for employees or retirees whose salary or pension payment is \$100,000 or more, the premium is \$20 per month. Requires affected employees and retirees to provide sufficient information to the Plan to verify their salary or pension payment for the purposes of determining their premium payment.

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