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Authorize Insurance for Former Employees.

Sponsors: Referred to: March 9, 2009 1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE COUNTIES TO PROVIDE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS 3 TO FORMER EMPLOYEES WHO ARE NOT RECEIVING RETIREMENT BENEFITS. 4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 5 SECTION 1. G.S. 153A-93(d) reads as rewritten: 6 "(d) A county which is providing health insurance under G.S. 153A-92(d) may provide 7 health insurance for all or any class of former officers and employees of the county who are 8 receiving benefits under subsection (a) of this section.county. Such health insurance may be 9 paid entirely by the county, partly by the county and former officer or employee, or entirely by 10 the former officer or employee, at the option of the county." 11 SECTION 2. G.S. 153A-93 is amended by adding two new subsections to read: 12 "(d1) On and after October 1, 2009, a county which is providing health insurance under 13 G.S. 153A-92(d) may provide health insurance for all or any class of former officers and 14 employees of the county who have obtained at least 10 years of service with the county prior to 15 separation from the county and who are not receiving benefits under subsection (a) of this section. Such health insurance may be paid entirely by the county, partly by the county and 16 17 former officer or employee, or entirely by the former officer or employee, at the option of the county. 18 19 Notwithstanding subsection (d) of this section, any county that has elected to and is (d2) covering its active employees only, or its active and retired employees, under the State Health 20 Plan, or elects such coverage under the Plan, may not provide health insurance through the 21 22 State Health Plan to all or any class of former officers and employees who are not receiving benefits under subsection (a) of this section. The county may, however, provide health 23 insurance to such former officers and employees by any other means authorized by 24 25 G.S. 153A-92(d). The health insurance premium may be paid entirely by the county, partly by 26 the county and former officer or employee, or entirely by the former officer or employee, at the 27 option of the county." 28 **SECTION 3.** Section 1 of this act is effective when it becomes law and applies to 29 any county providing health insurance to former officers and employees on that date. Section 2 30 of this act becomes effective when it becomes law and applies to any officer or employee who 31 separates from service with the county on or after October 1, 2009. The remainder of the act is 32 effective when it becomes law.

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