

CHAPTER 107

GOVERNMENT - STATE

SENATE BILL 98-119

BY SENATORS B. Alexander, Arnold, and J. Johnson;
also REPRESENTATIVE Dean.

AN ACT

CONCERNING THE EXTENSION OF STATE EMPLOYEE BENEFIT COVERAGE TO NONCOMPENSATED STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. 24-50-603 (7), Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

24-50-603. Definitions. As used in this part 6, unless the context otherwise requires:

(7) "Employee" means any officer or employee under the state personnel system of the state of Colorado whose salary is paid by state funds or any employee of the department of education, the Colorado commission on higher education, or the Colorado school for the deaf and the blind whose salary is paid by state funds. "Employee" includes any officer or employee of the legislative or judicial branch, any elected or appointed state official or employee who receives compensation other than expense reimbursement from state funds, ANY ELECTED STATE OFFICIAL WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION OTHER THAN EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE FUNDS, and includes any member of the board of assessment appeals. "Employee" does not include persons employed on a temporary basis.

SECTION 2. 24-50-609, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

24-50-609. State contributions. Effective January 1, 1994, the state of Colorado shall contribute an amount necessary to pay one hundred forty-eight dollars and fifteen cents per month per single employee, one hundred eighty-four dollars and twenty-nine cents per month per employee with one covered dependent, and two hundred fifty-eight dollars and twenty-nine cents per month per employee with two or more covered dependents for each employee enrolled in group benefit plans which

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include enrollment in medical benefits. FOR PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, THE TERM "EMPLOYEE" DOES NOT INCLUDE ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION OTHER THAN EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS FROM STATE FUNDS.

SECTION 3. 24-50-610, Colorado Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

24-50-610. Payroll deductions - employees. The amount of monthly contributions, if any, to be made by employees enrolled in group benefit plans shall be deducted from the salaries of such employees and remitted to the department of personnel. The procedure for such deductions and remittances, INCLUDING A PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINATION OF THE APPROPRIATE AMOUNT AND COLLECTION AND REMITTANCE OF MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION OTHER THAN EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE FUNDS, shall be established by the department of personnel; EXCEPT THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL SHALL NOT ESTABLISH ANY METHOD OF COLLECTION AND REMITTANCES OF MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS FROM ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION OTHER THAN EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT FROM STATE FUNDS FROM ANY ENTITY OTHER THAN FROM SUCH INDIVIDUAL STATE OFFICIALS.

SECTION 4. Effective date - applicability. (1) This act shall take effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly that is allowed for submitting a referendum petition pursuant to article V, section 1 (3) of the state constitution; except that, if a referendum petition is filed against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part, if approved by the people, shall take effect on the date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by proclamation of the governor.

(2) The provisions of this act shall apply to elected state officials who do not receive compensation other than expense reimbursement from state funds serving on or after the applicable effective date of this act.

Approved: April 17, 1998