

WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE

2022 REGULAR SESSION

Introduced

Senate Bill 512

BY SENATORS PHILLIPS, GRADY, ROBERTS, STOLLINGS,

SYPOLT, WOELFEL, LINDSAY, AND PLYMALE

[Introduced January 31, 2022; referred
to the Committee on Banking and Insurance; and then
to the Committee on Finance]

1 A BILL to amend and reenact §5-16-5a of the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, all
 2 relating to restoring major health care benefits to certain public employees who retired and
 3 then returned to employment.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.

§5-16-5a. Retiree premium subsidy from Retiree Health Benefit Trust for hires prior to July 1, 2010.

1 The Finance Board may include in its financial plans a subsidy from the Retiree Health
 2 Benefit Trust Fund created by §5-16D-1 *et seq.* of this code for the cost of coverage under the
 3 major health care benefits plans, only for retired employees who were hired before July 1, 2010.
 4 Active or retired employees who were hired before July 1, 2010, but who separated from public
 5 service but returned within two years of their separation may be restored to their original (pre-July
 6 1, 2010) hire date, and active or retired employees who separated from public service with more
 7 than 10 years of service prior to July 1, 2010 and returned within 10 years of their separation may
 8 be restored to an adjusted hire date computed by adding the period of separation to the original
 9 (pre-July 1, 2010) hire date.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to restore major health care benefits to certain public employees who retired and then returned to employment.

Strike-throughs indicate language that would be stricken from a heading or the present law and underscoring indicates new language that would be added.