

# **WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE**

## **2025 REGULAR SESSION**

### **Introduced**

## **House Bill 2965**

By Delegates Ellington, Willis, Statler, Jennings, W.

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Hornby

Introduced February 25, 2025; referred to the

Committee on Finance

1 A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding a new section,  
 2 designated §5-16-27, relating to transferring money currently paid by employers of state  
 3 employees to PEIA into a Health Savings Account ("HSA"); allowing for the employee to  
 4 choose his or her healthcare insurance plan based upon a monthly allocation; and  
 5 providing for an effective date.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

## **ARTICLE 16. WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES INSURANCE ACT.**

### **§5-16-27. Transferring payments by employer to Health Savings Account; establishment of**

**account; effective date.**

1 (a) All monies that are currently distributed to PEIA from the employer shall be paid directly  
 2 to the employee who is paying into PEIA in the form of an employer/employee match.

3 (b) This money shall be deposited into a Health Savings Account ("HSA") for the employee  
 4 to use for the payment of healthcare insurance premiums and other related expenditures in the  
 5 amount of \$1,100 per month.

6 (c) An employee may choose his or her own healthcare provider to use funds from the  
 7 HSA.

8 (d) This section shall become effective July 1, 2025.

NOTE: The purpose of this bill is to redirect payments to PEIA to employees in the form of a Health Savings Account ("HSA"). The bill allows for the employee to choose his or her healthcare insurance plan. Finally, the bill provides for an effective date.

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