THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

SENATE BILL

No. 1415

Session of 1978

INTRODUCED BY HAGER, MESSINGER, REIBMAN, BELL, DWYER, EARLY, COPPERSMITH, ROMANELLI, SCANLON, FLEMING, DOUGHERTY, KUSSE, SNYDER AND HESS, APRIL 11, 1978

SENATOR REIBMAN, EDUCATION, AS AMENDED, JUNE 6, 1978

AN ACT

- 1 Amending Title 24 (Education) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated
- 2 Statutes, providing for eligibility, notification and payment
- 3 for health insurance.
- 4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
- 5 hereby enacts as follows:
- 6 Section 1. Title 24, act of November 25, 1970 (P.L.707,
- 7 No.230), known as the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, is
- 8 amended by adding a section to read:
- 9 § 8311. Eligibility for health insurance payments.
- 10 Any superannuation annuitant, disability annuitant, or an
- 11 annuitant who has 25 or more years of credited service is
- 12 <u>eligible to have the premiums for "65 Special" MEDICARE</u>
- 13 SUPPLEMENTARY benefits paid by the retirement fund provided the
- 14 member has authorized the board to deduct from his annuity
- 15 payments the appropriate annual charges for medical, major
- 16 medical and hospitalization insurance coverage.
- 17 Section 2. Section 8505(i) of Title 24 is amended to read:
- 18 § 8505. Duties of the board regarding applications and

1 elections of members. 2 3 (i) Medical insurance coverage. -- Upon receipt of 4 notification from an insurance carrier approved by the board 5 that an annuitant who has attained age 65 has elected medical, major medical, and hospitalization insurance coverage, the board 6 7 shall deduct from the annuity payments the appropriate annual charges in equal monthly installments. Such deductions shall be 8 9 transmitted to the insurance carrier. The board shall also pay 10 to the insurance carrier the premiums for the "65 Special" <---11 MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTARY benefits of those annuitants who are <---12 eligible under section 8311 (relating to eligibility for health 13 insurance payments) to have such premiums paid by the board. * * * 14 15 Section 3. Section 8508 of Title 24 is amended by adding subsections to read: 16 17 § 8508. Rights and duties of annuitants. 18 * * * 19 (d) Notification of election and payment of medical insurance. -- If an annuitant who has attained age 65 and has 20 elected medical, major medical, and hospitalization insurance 21 22 coverage, he shall so notify the board and may request that the 23 board deduct from his annuity payments the appropriate annual charges in equal monthly installments. 24 25 (e) Payment of "65 Special" MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTARY <---26 BENEFITS. -- Any annuitant who is eliqible under Section 8311 27 (relating to eligibility for health insurance payments) to have 28 the premiums for the "65 Special" MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTARY <----29 benefits paid by the board shall not have his annuity payments reduced on account of the "65 Special" MEDICARE SUPPLEMENTARY 30

- 1 BENEFIT premium.
- 2 Section 4. This act shall take effect in 60 days.