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AN ACT relating to programs for public employees; increasing the amount to be paid by this state for group insurance for certain public employees, public officers and retired public employees; requiring the board of the public employees’ benefits program to issue a request for information or proposals concerning privatization of the program; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 1 of chapter 353, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 1671, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. For the purposes of NRS 287.044 and 287.0445 and subsection 1 of NRS 287.046, this state’s share of the cost of premiums or contributions for group insurance for each public officer or employee who elects to participate in the public employees’ benefits program is:

1. For the fiscal year 2001-2002, \$357.50 per month.
2. For the fiscal year 2002-2003, ~~(\$384.50)~~ **\$465.78** per month.

Sec. 2. Section 2 of chapter 353, Statutes of Nevada 2001, at page 1671, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 2. For the purposes of subsection 2 of NRS 287.046, the base amount for this state’s share of the cost of premiums or contributions for group insurance for each person who is retired from the service of this state and continues to participate in the public employees’ benefits program is:

1. For the fiscal year 2001-2002, \$202.34 per month.
2. For the fiscal year 2002-2003, ~~(\$217.84)~~ **\$263.89** per month.

Sec. 3. The board of the public employees’ benefits program shall ensure that:

1. No state employee who is a member of the program is required to pay, for the fiscal year 2002-2003, any part of the cost of the premiums or contributions for the program which are attributable to the health benefits coverage of the employee by the program. The provisions of this subsection do not prohibit requiring a state employee to pay the cost of the premiums or contributions attributable to the coverage of the state employee’s dependents by the program.

2. Any money resulting from the amendatory provisions of section 1 of this act that exceeds the amount necessary to carry out the provisions of subsection 1 is applied to reserves or used to maintain current health benefits.

Sec. 4. The board of the public employees' benefits program shall issue a request for information or a request for proposals to determine whether privatization of the public employees' benefits program is economically feasible. The board of the public employees' benefits program shall require that any information or proposals returned in response to a request issued pursuant to this section are returned to the board in sufficient time to allow the board to use such information or proposals when making any decisions regarding any plan for benefits that will begin on or after July 1, 2003.

Sec. 5. This act becomes effective on October 1, 2002.