

RISE Delaware Update for December 21st

RISE Delaware Update: Important! Legislation sponsors are needed!

Folks—We need some RISE Delaware action in the next few days. Rep. Baumbach has introduced two bills, HB 281 and HB 282. Please read the information below and fire up your email system to communicate with your state Representatives and Senators.

Yes, I know this is a lengthy message and that you would like to be wrapping presents...However, legislators who want to co-sponsor this legislation need to contact Rep. Baumbach before January 4. If you don't live in Delaware, email your friends in the First State and ask them to act now!

Important note: Our mass email system does not support attachments so you can find the full text of each bill here on Steve LePage's excellent website:

<https://retirees.inthefirststate.com/>

(Just type the address into your browser if the link does not work.)

You can also find the names and email addresses of our State Representatives and Senators with the "Find My Delaware Legislator" function on the website.

If your state Representative or Senator is serving as a co-sponsor to either piece of legislation (look at the top right side of the legislation for a list), please thank the legislator for supporting it.

Your email message can be as simple or complex as you want to make it.

For example:

Thank you for your leadership in co-sponsoring HB 281 with Representative Baumbach.

Sincerely yours,

Your Name

Address

If your State Representative or Senator is not listed as co-sponsoring the legislation (one more time—check the list at the right top side of the legislation), you can ask them to sign on as a co-sponsor.

For example:

As your constituent, I am asking you to co-sponsor both HB 281 and 282 with Rep. Baumbach. These two bills address issues that are important to those of us who are receiving health care benefits via the State of Delaware.

Your name

Address

Here is the synopsis for HB281:

This Act repeals the option of providing health care insurance to state pensioners under Medicare part C, known as a Medicare Advantage Plan.

This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act is known as "The Delaware Medicare Supplement Selection Act".

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Here is the synopsis for HB282:

This Act adds procedural requirements to meetings of the State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC), revises the membership of the SEBC, and requires that the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources inform State employees and retired State employees (eligible pensioners) about changes in benefits coverages affecting eligible pensioners who are receiving or eligible to receive retirement benefits under the state employees' pension plan, including proposed changes.

This Act adds the following requirements to SEBC meetings:

1. If the SEBC or a subcommittee is holding a virtual meeting, the chair or vice-chair must attend at the anchor location.
2. The chair of a subcommittee must be a voting member of the SEBC.
3. The SEBC must approve a request for proposals to select a carrier or third-party administrator for the health care insurance plan for State employees or eligible pensioners during an open meeting and that the draft request for proposals must be included with the meeting notice and agenda.
4. Adds standard language for the SEBC regarding the conduct of open meetings by public bodies, including requirements for quorum and when a member designates another individual to attend a meeting.

This Act revises the membership of the SEBC by doing all of the following:

1. Removes the Delaware retiree appointed by the Governor and adds 2 members who are Delaware residents eligible to receive health care insurance under Chapter 52 of Title 29 under a pension or retirement plan. The President Pro Team of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint 1 of these members.
2. Makes the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources a non-voting member of the Committee.
3. Changes the leadership of the SEBC so that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services serves as chair and the Controller General serves as vice-chair.
1. This Act also makes technical corrections to conform existing law to the standards of the Delaware Legislative Drafting Manual.

This Act is known as the “Delaware State Employee Benefits Committee (SEBC) Transparency and Accountability Act”.

Legislators know to contact Rep. Baumbach to co-sponsor.

OK, this is the end! Thanks for reading and enjoy your holiday! Keep those messages going to legislators!

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Public Meeting Calendar: State of Delaware

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