

Senate Bill No. 1528

CHAPTER 968

An act to add Section 22226 to the Education Code, relating to the State Teachers' Retirement System, and making an appropriation therefor.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1528, Schiff. State Teachers' Retirement System: health insurance.

The State Teachers' Retirement Law prescribes retirement and disability benefits for school employees and their families.

This bill would require the Teachers' Retirement Board to conduct a study, as specified, assessing how to develop a process to contract for health insurance, including vision and dental care, for members, beneficiaries, children, and dependent parents. This bill would also appropriate \$200,000 from the Teachers' Retirement Fund to the board to develop a plan for these purposes, and if implemented, require the board to reimburse the Teachers' Retirement Fund this sum.

Appropriation: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 22226 is added to the Education Code, to read:

22226. (a) The board shall conduct a study on providing health insurance benefits, including vision and dental care benefits, for active, disabled, and retired members, beneficiaries, children, and dependent parents. The health insurance may include vision and dental care.

(b) The study shall include, but not be limited to, assessing the lack of access of health insurance benefits for retired teachers and shall evaluate the following:

- (1) The demand for health insurance benefits.
- (2) The integration of health insurance benefits and Medicare coverage.
- (3) The manner in which health insurance benefits would be administered and provided.

(c) There is hereby appropriated from the Teachers' Retirement Fund to the State Teachers' Retirement Board the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) conduct a study for the

purposes identified in this section. If this study results in the implementation of health insurance benefits as described in subdivision (a), the State Teachers' Retirement Board shall reimburse the sum of two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to the Teachers' Retirement Fund from administrative fees charged to recipients of the health insurance benefits.

