

Subd. 3. The commissioner with the assistance of the state planning agency shall submit a report to the legislature on the progress of the service center demonstration program not later than January 1, 1977.

Approved June 4, 1975.

CHAPTER 417—H.F.No.1311

An act relating to certain officers and employees of the state and their dependents; providing optional insurance coverage for certain officers and employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 43.491, Subdivision 2.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Section 43.491, Subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **STATE GOVERNMENT; STATE EMPLOYEES; OPTIONAL INSURANCE COVERAGE.** The following persons enumerated in this subdivision though excluded by Laws 1967, Chapter 103, from coverage, are nonetheless eligible for coverages at their own expense pursuant to the provisions of subdivision 1:

(1) A part time or seasonal employee of the state serving on less than a 75 percent time basis;

(2) An employee of the board of regents of the University of Minnesota on the academic staff serving on less than a 75 percent regular appointment;

(3) A part time or seasonal employee of the board of regents of the University of Minnesota and a member of the civil service staff under the civil service plan serving on less than a 75 percent time basis;

(4) An employee in the unclassified service of the state civil service who is employed by the state college board or the state board for community colleges as a member of the academic staff serving on less than a 75 percent time basis;

(5) An officer or employee of the state agricultural society;

(6) A civilian employee of the adjutant general who is paid from federal funds and who is not eligible to benefits from any federal civilian employee group life insurance or health benefits program ;

(7) An officer or employee of the state capitol credit union or the hiway credit union.

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Sec. 2. **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This act is effective the day following its final enactment.

Approved June 4, 1975.

CHAPTER 418—H.F.No.1313

[Coded in Part]

An act relating to retirement; miscellaneous amendments to the judges retirement act; declaring legislative policy and intent; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 490, by adding a section; and Section 490.124, Subdivisions 2 and 9.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. RETIREMENT; SUPREME AND DISTRICT COURT JUDGES; APPROPRIATION; LEGISLATIVE POLICY AND INTENT. It is the policy of the Legislature and the Legislative Retirement Study Commission to insure solvency, uniformity and equity, in the public pension plans of Minnesota for the protection and the good of the members and taxpayers of Minnesota. This legislature finds, as did the Legislature in 1967 and 1969, that a pension plan providing escalated benefits which are increased after retirement by the same percentage and at the same time as salary increases of their former position, are not consistent with sound pension policy.

The Legislature finds that to maintain the solvency of such escalated plans would place an undue financial burden on the state, and is thus not in the best interests of the taxpayers unless the members themselves pay for all or a substantial portion of the cost of the escalation. The legislature also finds that escalation if permitted in only one of the major public pension plans of Minnesota would violate the principles of uniformity and equity and would lead to demands for equivalent benefits for other public employees.

By means of this act the Legislature reaffirms the actions of 1967 and 1969 Legislatures and expresses its intent to insure consistent sound pension policy in Minnesota by terminating the escalation feature interpreted by court decision to exist within the judicial retirement plan.

By this act the legislature reluctantly accepts escalation of the retirement benefits to date and will finance the retirement benefits of the affected judges and the surviving spouses provided that such judges and beneficiaries waive any future claim to the right of escalation.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1974, Chapter 490, is amended by adding a section to read:

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