

**House Bill 4244**  
**Sponsor: Rep. Jack Minore**  
**Committee: Senior Health, Security and Retirement**

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**A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4244 AS INTRODUCED 2-18-03**

Under the Public School Employees Retirement Act, the retirement system pays the entire monthly premium for health insurance for retirees, and pays up to 90 percent of the amount paid for the retiree towards the premium for health coverage for health insurance dependents of retirees. Under current law, a "health insurance dependent" is defined as:

- the retiree's spouse or surviving spouse,
- the retiree's unmarried child or adopted child until age 19 (or until age 25 if enrolled as a full time student),
- the retiree's unmarried child or adopted child who is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability, and
- the parents of the retiree or of his or her spouse, if residing in the retiree's household.

House Bill 4244 would amend this provision to delete this language, and instead specify that a health insurance dependent would include the retiree's spouse (or surviving spouse), and an unmarried child who is considered a dependent of the retiree under the provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code.

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