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House Bill 4244 (Substitute H-1 as passed by the House)  
Sponsor: Representative Jack Minore  
House Committee: Senior Health, Security and Retirement  
Senate Committee: Education

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### **CONTENT**

The bill would amend the Public School Employees Retirement Act to include in the definition of "health insurance dependent" an unmarried child who otherwise would be qualified to be insured under the Act, if the retiree or deceased member were the legal guardian of the child but not his or her parent.

Currently, the definition of "health insurance dependent" for members of the Public Schools Employees Retirement System includes an unmarried child, by birth or adoption, of the retiree or deceased member, if the child meets any of the following criteria:

- Is 19 years of age or less, in which case the child is covered through the calendar year in which he or she turns 19 years of age.
- Is 25 years of age or less, if the dependent is enrolled as a full-time student and is or was at the time of the retirant's or deceased member's death a dependent of the retirant, as defined in the Internal Revenue Code. The dependent is covered through the calendar year in which he or she turns 25.
- Is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical disability, and is or was at the time of the retirant's or deceased member's death considered a dependent of the retirant or deceased member, under the Internal Revenue Code.

The bill would add to this definition an unmarried child who was not the child of the retirant or deceased member by birth or adoption, but otherwise would qualify as a health insurance dependent under any of the above criteria, if the retirant or deceased member were the legal guardian of the unmarried child.

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### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The bill would have no fiscal impact on State or local government.

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