

1 AN ACT relating to retiree health benefits from the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement  
2 System and declaring an emergency.

3 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

4 ➔Section 1. Notwithstanding KRS 161.675(4)(a) and (b), from the effective date  
5 of this Act, through December 31, 2017, for all retirees not eligible for Medicare who  
6 participate in the Kentucky Employees Health Plan through the Kentucky Teachers'  
7 Retirement System and who have selected couple, family, or parent plus coverage, the  
8 Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System Board of Trustees shall pay the same dependent  
9 subsidy that Executive Branch agencies pay for their active employees who have similar  
10 coverage. The dependent subsidy provided by this section shall not be subject to KRS  
11 161.714.

12 ➔Section 2. Notwithstanding KRS 161.675(4)(a) and (b), from January 1, 2018,  
13 through December 31, 2018, for all retirees not eligible for Medicare who participate in  
14 the Kentucky Employees Health Plan through the Kentucky Teachers' Retirement System  
15 and who have selected couple, family, or parent plus coverage, the Kentucky Teachers'  
16 Retirement System Board of Trustees shall have the authority to pay the same dependent  
17 subsidy that Executive Branch agencies pay for their active employees who have similar  
18 coverage. The dependent subsidy provided by this section shall not be subject to KRS  
19 161.714.

20 ➔Section 3. Whereas retired teachers have seen their health costs increase  
21 significantly in Plan Year 2017, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Act takes  
22 effect upon its passage and approval by the Governor or upon its otherwise becoming a  
23 law.