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2018 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 343

BY SENATOR MILLS

GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM. Provides relative to the Office of Group Benefits. (6/30/18)

1	AN ACT
2	To enact R.S. 42:851(U), relative to the group benefits program; to provide for premium
3	share for certain judges; and to provide for related matters.
4	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
5	Section 1. R.S. 42:851(U) is hereby enacted to read as follows:
6	§851. Authority for employee benefit programs; payroll deduction for payment of
7	premiums
8	* * *
9	U. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, upon
10	retirement, any judge enumerated in R.S. 11:553(12), (13), (14), or (15) who was
11	in office on or before December 31, 2001, and continues to be in office as of
12	January 1, 2018, shall be eligible to enroll in the Office of Group Benefits
13	program provided by this Part with a state contribution equal to the benefit
14	provided by Subsection (E)(1)(d) of this Section, regardless of the years of
15	participation in the Office of Group Benefits program before retirement.
16	Section 2. This Act shall become effective on June 30, 2018; if vetoed by the
17	governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become effective on

June 30, 2018, or on the day following such approval by the legislature, whichever is later.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Martha S. Hess.

DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> provides a schedule for state contributions of the total premium payable to the Office of Group Benefits (OGB) for retirees. Provides for a maximum state contribution of 75%.

<u>Proposed law retains present law</u> and provides that upon retirement, certain judges who were in office on or before December 31, 2001, and continue to be in office as of January 1, 2018, shall be eligible to enroll in the Office of Group Benefits program with a 75% state contribution, regardless of the years of participation in the Office of Group Benefits program before retirement.

## Proposed law applies to:

- (1) Judges of the first and second parish courts for the Parish of Jefferson.
- (2) Judges of the first and second city courts of New Orleans, Municipal Court of New Orleans and traffic courts of New Orleans.
- (3) Judges of the various city courts now existing or hereafter created in this state.
- (4) Judges of any parish court now existing or hereafter created in this state.

Effective June 30, 2018.

(Adds R.S. 42:851(U))