

HOUSE BILL 159

By McCormick

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 23; Title 8, Chapter 27 and Title 8, Chapter 50, relative to revisions of benefits and compensation for government employees

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-201, is amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(i) The committee established under section 8-27-101, is authorized to perform studies of the plan or plans within their jurisdiction, including examination of the plan structure, benefits, eligibility, and cost sharing.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-302, is hereby amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(f) The local education insurance committee is authorized to perform studies of the plan or plans within their jurisdiction, including examination of the plan structure, benefits, eligibility, and cost sharing.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-207, is hereby amended by adding the following as a new subsection:

(o) The local government insurance committee is authorized to perform studies of the plan or plans within their jurisdiction, including the plan structure, benefits, eligibility, and cost sharing.

SECTION 4. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-50-810, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and substituting the following language:

A state employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross may be granted special leave with pay for a period not to exceed sixteen (16)

work days in each calendar year to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the American Red Cross. The employee shall be released from work for this function upon request of the American Red Cross for the services of that employee, and upon the approval of that employee's appointing authority. The appointing authority shall compensate an employee granted extra leave under this section at the employee's regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent from the employee's work. Leave granted for disaster relief shall be in addition to the employee's accrued sick and annual leave.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.