HOUSE BILL 2436

State of Washington63rd Legislature2014 Regular SessionBy Representatives Hunter and Freeman; by request of Health Care AuthorityRead first time 01/17/14.Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

1 AN ACT Relating to creating the public employees' benefits board 2 benefits account; and reenacting and amending RCW 41.05.120.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 Sec. 1. RCW 41.05.120 and 2005 c 518 s 921 and 2005 c 143 s 3 are 5 each reenacted and amended to read as follows:

(1) The public employees' and retirees' insurance account is hereby 6 7 established in the custody of the state treasurer, to be used by the administrator for the deposit of contributions, the remittance paid by 8 9 school districts and educational service districts under RCW 28A.400.410, reserves, dividends, and refunds, for payment of premiums 10 for employee and retiree insurance benefit contracts and subsidy 11 12 amounts provided under RCW 41.05.085, and transfers from the ((medical)) flexible spending <u>administrative</u> account as authorized in 13 14 RCW 41.05.123. Moneys from the account shall be disbursed by the state 15 treasurer by warrants on vouchers duly authorized by the administrator. 16 Moneys from the account may be transferred to the ((medical)) flexible spending <u>administrative</u> account to provide reserves and start-up costs 17 18 for the operation of the ((medical)) flexible spending administrative 19 account program.

(2) The state treasurer and the state investment board may invest 1 2 moneys in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account. All such investments shall be in accordance with RCW 43.84.080 or 3 43.84.150, whichever is applicable. The administrator shall determine 4 whether the state treasurer or the state investment board or both shall 5 6 invest moneys in the public employees' and retirees' insurance account. 7 (3) ((During the 2005-07 fiscal biennium, the legislature may 8 transfer from the public employees' and retirees' insurance account 9 such amounts as reflect the excess fund balance of the fund.)) The public employees' benefits board benefits account is created in the 10 custody of the state treasurer. Only the administrator or the 11 administrator's designee may authorize expenditures from the account. 12 Moneys in the account must be used exclusively to purchase, through 13 consolidated contracts, benefits or services for the benefit of 14 subscribers and members. The account is subject to allotment 15 procedures under chapter 43.88 RCW, but an appropriation is not 16 required for expenditures. 17

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