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By Senators Brown, McAuliffe, Tom, Fraser, Hobbs, Conway, Harper, Nelson, Rockefeller, Keiser, Kilmer, Litzow, Hatfield, Prentice, Shin, Kohl-Welles, and White

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1 AN ACT Relating to offering health benefit subsidies for certain  
2 retired public employees; and adding a new section to chapter 41.05  
3 RCW.

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

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 41.05 RCW  
6 to read as follows:

7 (1) From September 1, 2011, through August 31, 2014, the health  
8 care authority shall provide an optional subsidy of two hundred fifty  
9 dollars per month for health benefit premiums to any member of plan 1  
10 of the teachers' retirement system who:

11 (a) Is ineligible for medicare;

12 (b) Applies for retirement under RCW 41.32.480 between June 1,  
13 2011, and August 31, 2011; and

14 (c) Receives the first installment of a retirement allowance as  
15 provided under RCW 41.32.480 before October 31, 2011.

16 (2) Members who opt to receive the subsidy provided in this section  
17 are ineligible for the postretirement employment provisions of RCW  
18 41.32.570 (2) or (3) until August 31, 2014. For the purposes of this  
19 section, employment with an employer also includes any personal service

1 contract, service by an employer as a temporary or project employee, or  
2 any other similar compensated relationship with any employer included  
3 under the provisions of RCW 41.32.800(1).

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