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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4433 AS INTRODUCED 3-14-89

Under the Public School Employees Retirement Act, the retirement system currently pays the monthly insurance premiums of retirees who elect coverage in a group health benefits plan authorized by the retirement board and the Department of Management and Budget, or who elect coverage in an alternative group health benefits plan. The retirement system also pays 90 percent of the premiums for dependents' health care coverage. The bill would amend the act to require the retirement system to provide, in addition, dental, optical and hearing benefits, pursuant to a contract between the retirement system and a nonprofit dental care corporation. The retirement system would be required to pay 90 percent of the monthly premium, membership, or subscription fees for these services for persons entitled to benefits under the act, effective October 1, 1989. Under the bill, "health benefits" would be defined to include the dental, vision and hearing benefits the bill would provide. The bill would also amend the act to require that an "alternative group health benefits plan" be one that would be certified by the retirement board and the department between February 28, 1989, and October 1, 1989.

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