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**LEGISLATIVE RETIREMENT:
HEALTH INSURANCE ELIGIBILITY**

House Bill 6200

Sponsor: Rep. Stephen Ehardt

**Committee: Senior Health, Security and
Retirement**

Complete to 9-26-02

A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 6200 AS INTRODUCED 6-13-02

The bill would amend the Michigan Legislative Retirement System Act to add language specifying that a former qualified participant who was vested for health care benefits but who was not yet old enough to receive benefits could purchase health insurance from the state treasurer for himself or herself and any health benefit dependents. (A “former qualified participant” is a former legislator who was a participant in the defined contribution retirement program; generally members first elected on or after March 31, 1997 or those elected earlier who chose to convert the value of their defined benefit pension into the defined contribution system.) The bill specifies that payments could be no greater than actual premium cost. Benefits would commence upon payment of the premium to the state treasurer, and coverage would continue until the person qualified to receive health benefits through the retirement system, until he or she ceased to make payments for the premium, or until the policy was canceled or lapsed, whichever occurred first.

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