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**PSERS: REVISE DEF. OF DEPENDENT
FOR HEALTH INSURANCE**

House Bill 4677

Sponsor: Rep. John Garfield

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

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A SUMMARY OF HOUSE BILL 4677 AS INTRODUCED 5-13-03

The bill would amend the definition of a “health insurance dependent” contained in the Public School Employees Retirement Act to include the child of a retiree or deceased member in situations where the child is the dependent (based on federal Internal Revenue Service criteria regarding level of financial support) of the retiree’s or deceased member’s ex-spouse.

Currently, the definition of a “health insurance dependent” for retirees or members of the public school employees retirement system includes an unmarried child, by birth or adoption, of the retiree or deceased member who is or was at the time of the retiree’s or member’s death a dependent under IRS criteria (the child is the legal dependent of the parent who contributes the majority of the child’s financial support) and who is 1) incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical disability or 2) enrolled as a full-time student until December 31 of the year he or she turns 25 years of age.

House Bill 4677 would amend the Public School Employees Retirement Act to also include as a health insurance dependent an unmarried child who met either of the above requirements – with the exception of being a dependent of the retiree or deceased member – as long as the child was a dependent of the retiree or deceased member’s divorced spouse and the retiree or deceased member provided proof of qualification to the retirement board.

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