



# Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 187**

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 568

*Senate, March 22, 2000*

The Committee on Public Safety reported through SEN. PENN of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***An Act Concerning Benefits For Survivors Of Municipal Employees.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes, as amended  
2 by section 25 of public act 99-240 and section 52 of public act 99-241, is  
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

4 (a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and  
5 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group  
6 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for  
7 (1) state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect  
8 coverage under such plan or plans, (3) employees of the Connecticut  
9 Institute for Municipal Studies established by section 1-135, (4)  
10 participants in an alternate retirement program who meet the service  
11 requirements of section 5-162 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (5)  
12 anyone receiving benefits under section 5-144, as amended, or from  
13 any state-sponsored retirement system, except the teachers' retirement

14 system and the municipal employees retirement system, (6) judges of  
15 probate and Probate Court employees, (7) the surviving spouse, until  
16 remarriage, and any dependent children until they reach the age of  
17 eighteen, of a member of an organized local police department or a  
18 constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies as  
19 the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of such  
20 officer's or constable's employment and not as the result of illness or  
21 natural causes, [and] (8) employees of the Capital City Economic  
22 Development Authority established by section 32-601, as amended,  
23 and (9) any employee of a municipality who dies on or after October 1,  
24 2000, as the result of injuries received while acting within the scope of  
25 such employee's employment and not as the result of illness or natural  
26 causes, and whose surviving spouse and dependent children are not  
27 otherwise eligible for a group hospitalization and medical and surgical  
28 insurance plan. For purposes of this subdivision, "employee" means  
29 any regular employee or elective officer receiving pay from a  
30 municipality, and "municipality" means any town, city, borough,  
31 school district, taxing district, fire district, district department of  
32 health, probate district, housing authority, regional work force  
33 development board established under section 31-3k, as amended, flood  
34 commission or authority established by special act or regional  
35 planning agency. The minimum benefits to be provided by such plan  
36 or plans shall be substantially equal in value to the benefits which each  
37 such employee or member of the General Assembly could secure in  
38 such plan or plans on an individual basis on the preceding first day of  
39 July. The state shall pay for each such employee and each member of  
40 the General Assembly covered by such plan or plans the portion of the  
41 premium charged for such member or employee's individual coverage  
42 and seventy per cent of the additional cost of the form of coverage and  
43 such amount shall be credited to the total premiums owed by such  
44 employee or member of the General Assembly for the form of such  
45 member or employee's coverage under such plan or plans. On and  
46 after January 1, 1989, the state shall pay for anyone receiving benefits

47 from any such state-sponsored retirement system one hundred per  
48 cent of the portion of the premium charged for such member or  
49 employee's individual coverage and one hundred per cent of any  
50 additional cost for the form of coverage. The balance of any premiums  
51 payable by an individual employee or by a member of the General  
52 Assembly for the form of coverage shall be deducted from the payroll  
53 by the State Comptroller. The total premiums payable shall be remitted  
54 by the Comptroller to the insurance company or companies or  
55 nonprofit organization or organizations providing the coverage. The  
56 amount of the state's contribution per employee for a health  
57 maintenance organization option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and  
58 cents, to the largest amount of the contribution per employee paid for  
59 any other option which is available to all eligible state employees  
60 included in the health benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed  
61 the amount of the health maintenance organization premium.

**PS Committee Vote:** Yea 22 Nay 0 JFS

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** State Comptroller

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

It is anticipated that coverage cannot be provided to the deceased municipal employees designated in the bill.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING BENEFITS FOR SURVIVORS OF MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.***

**SUMMARY:**

This bill requires the state comptroller to obtain a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan for municipal employees who (1) die from a work-related injury after October 1, 2000 (see COMMENT) and not from an illness or natural cause and (2) have a surviving spouse and dependent children who are not otherwise eligible for group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2000

**COMMENT**

***Insurance for Deceased Individuals***

It is unclear how the comptroller can obtain a plan for an individual who has died.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Safety Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22    Nay 0