
OLR Bill Analysis**HB 5488*****AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR PROBATE COURT PERSONNEL.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill, starting July 1, 2015, makes the portion of the group health insurance premium the Probate Court Administration Fund (PCAF) pays for probate court judges and employees equal to the portion the comptroller pays for active state employees.

Under current law, the PCAF must pay (1) 100% of the premium cost for each probate court judge and employee who elects individual coverage and (2) if the judge or employee elects coverage for a dependent, spouse, or family, 50% of the additional premium cost. The comptroller, by law, also pays 100% of the individual coverage for active state employees, but he pays 70%, rather than 50%, of any additional premium costs (CGS § 5-259(a)).

The bill also eliminates requirements that (1) a probate court judge or employee pay his or her portion of the additional premium to the state treasurer and (2) the state treasurer credit the payments to PCAF. (Presumably, the balance of any premium due from a probate judge or employee will be deducted from the payroll by the probate court administrator.)

As under current law, the probate court administrator must send the total premium directly to the insurance company or nonprofit organization that provides the coverage.

The bill also makes a minor technical change.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 1 (03/24/2014)