

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 59th Legislature (2024)

3 SENATE BILL 1223

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 An Act relating to the Oklahoma Employees Insurance  
8 and Benefits Act; amending 74 O.S. 2021, Section  
9 1308.3, which relates to opt-out options; increasing  
10 opt-out amount for certain employees in lieu of  
11 flexible benefit allowance; providing an effective  
12 date; and declaring an emergency.

13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

14 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2021, Section 1308.3, is  
15 amended to read as follows:

16 Section 1308.3. Any active employee eligible to participate or  
17 who is a participant may opt out of the state's basic plan as  
18 outlined in Sections 1370 and 1371 of this title, or may opt out of  
19 the health and dental basic plan options only and retain the life  
20 and disability plan benefits, provided that the participant is  
21 currently covered by a separate group health insurance plan or will  
22 be covered by a separate group health insurance plan at or before  
23 the beginning of the next plan year. Any active employee eligible  
24 to participate or who is a participant opting out of coverage  
pursuant to this section shall provide proof of the separate health

1 insurance plan participation and sign an affidavit attesting that  
2 the participant is currently covered and does not require state-  
3 provided health insurance each plan year. ~~Any~~ Beginning November 1,  
4 2011, and ending on June 30, 2024, any active employee opting out of  
5 the state's basic plan or the health and dental basic plan options  
6 pursuant to this section shall receive One Hundred Fifty Dollars  
7 (\$150.00) in lieu of the flexible benefit amount the employee would  
8 be otherwise eligible to receive. Beginning July 1, 2024, any  
9 active employee opting out of the state's basic plan or the health  
10 and dental basic plan options pursuant to this section shall receive  
11 Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) monthly in lieu of the flexible  
12 benefit amount the employee would otherwise be eligible to receive.  
13 Any savings realized by the state as a result of a participant  
14 opting out of health insurance plan coverage shall be retained by  
15 the state.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2024.

17 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation  
18 of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby  
19 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and  
20 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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