

House File 969 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 266)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning benefits associated with cancer diagnoses of
2 members of certain public retirement systems.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 97A.1, subsection 6, Code 2025, is amended
2 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
3 following:

4 6. "Cancer" means a group of diseases involving abnormal cell
5 growth with the potential to invade or spread to other parts of
6 the body.

7 Sec. 2. Section 411.1, subsection 6, Code 2025, is amended
8 by striking the subsection and inserting in lieu thereof the
9 following:

10 6. "Cancer" means a group of diseases involving abnormal cell
11 growth with the potential to invade or spread to other parts of
12 the body.

13 Sec. 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF ACT. Section 25B.2, subsection 3,
14 shall not apply to this Act.

15 EXPLANATION

16 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
17 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

18 This bill concerns benefits relating to members of the public
19 safety peace officers' retirement, accident, and disability
20 system (PORS), and the municipal fire and police retirement
21 system (411 system).

22 The bill expands the definition of "cancer" by striking
23 references to specific cancers and inserting a more generalized
24 description. By expanding the definition of "cancer" to include
25 more cancer diagnoses, the bill likewise expands the availability
26 of accidental disability and death benefits to members of PORS
27 or the 411 system who have a cancer diagnosis. By operation of
28 law, the bill also expands the definition of "cancer" as used
29 in Code section 97B.50A for purposes of in-service disability
30 retirement allowance for special service members under the Iowa
31 public employees' retirement system.

32 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
33 section 25B.3. The bill makes inapplicable Code section 25B.2,
34 subsection 3, which would relieve a political subdivision from
35 complying with a state mandate if funding for the cost of the

1 state mandate is not provided or specified. Therefore, political
2 subdivisions are required to comply with any state mandate
3 included in the bill.

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