



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 379

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Senate Bill No. 1384

Senate, April 1, 2025

The Committee on Insurance and Real Estate reported through SEN. CABRERA of the 17th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT ALLOWING BOARD MEMBERS OF QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES TO OBTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEE PLAN.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) Any member of a board of
2 directors of any quasi-public agency whose nomination to such board is
3 confirmed by both houses of the General Assembly and who is not
4 otherwise eligible to participate in the group hospitalization and
5 medical and surgical insurance plan established pursuant to subsection
6 (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes may elect to participate in such
7 plan. Each member who elects such coverage shall pay the same
8 percentage of the premium as paid by a state employee for the form of
9 coverage. The quasi-public agency of such member of a board of
10 directors shall reimburse the appropriate state agency for the remainder
11 of the premium and any other costs incurred due to such member's
12 participation. For the purposes of this section, "quasi-public agency" has
13 the same meaning as provided in section 1-120 of the general statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2025</i>	New section
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INS *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 26 \$	FY 27 \$
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	GF - Cost	Less than 100,000	Less than 100,000
State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits	GF - Revenue Gain	Less than 100,000	Less than 100,000

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill allows certain members of the board of directors of quasi-public agencies to participate in the state employee health plan which results in a net neutral fiscal impact.

The annual cost of the health plan premiums is estimated to be less than \$100,000, beginning in FY 26 to the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits. There is an equal corresponding revenue gain to the State Comptroller - Fringe Benefits for the reimbursement by the quasi-public agency to offset any costs incurred.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 1384*****AN ACT ALLOWING BOARD MEMBERS OF QUASI-PUBLIC AGENCIES TO OBTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEE PLAN.*****SUMMARY**

This bill expands eligibility to participate in the state's group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan by allowing certain members of the boards of directors of specific quasi-public agencies (see BACKGROUND) to participate under the following conditions:

1. their nomination to the board was confirmed by both houses of the General Assembly,
2. they are not otherwise eligible to participate in the plan, and
3. they pay the same percentage of the premium a state employee pays.

The bill also requires the quasi-public agency to reimburse the appropriate state agency for the remainder of the premium and any other costs incurred due to the board member's participation in the state plan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2025

BACKGROUND***Quasi-Public Agencies***

Under state law, the following are considered quasi-public agencies:

1. Capital Region Development Authority,
2. Connecticut Airport Authority,

3. Connecticut Green Bank,
4. Connecticut Health and Educational Facilities Authority,
5. Connecticut Health Insurance Exchange,
6. Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority,
7. Connecticut Housing Authority,
8. Connecticut Housing Finance Authority,
9. Connecticut Innovations, Inc.,
10. Connecticut Lottery Corporation,
11. Connecticut Municipal Redevelopment Authority,
12. Connecticut Port Authority,
13. Connecticut Student Loan Foundation,
14. MIRA Dissolution Authority,
15. Paid Family and Medical Leave Insurance Authority, and
16. State Education Resource Center.

Plan Eligibility

The following individuals are generally eligible for coverage under the state's hospitalization and medical and surgical plans:

1. state employees;
2. General Assembly members who elect coverage;
3. participants in an alternative retirement program who meet certain service requirements;
4. anyone receiving certain death benefits from the state or benefits from the state-sponsored retirement system (excluding the

retirement systems for teachers and municipal employees);

5. probate court judges and employees;
6. survivors of certain law enforcement officers, firefighters, or constables who die in the line of duty who are not otherwise eligible for this type of coverage;
7. Capital Region Development Authority employees; and
8. surviving spouses and dependents of certain municipal employees who died due to injuries in the scope of their employment who are not otherwise eligible for this type of coverage.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 8 Nay 5 (03/13/2025)