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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 414

(Senator McFadden)

Finance

Appropriations

State Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Employees of Legal Aid Bureau,
Inc. - Repeal of Sunset

This bill repeals the termination provision that applies to permitting Legal Aid Bureau employees to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Plan (State plan).

The bill takes effect July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Repealing the sunset provision would not substantively change State activities or operations. The Legal Aid Bureau pays its share of State plan costs.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. The Legal Aid Bureau could continue participation in the State plan, taking advantage of lower health insurance rates.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 191 of 2002 permits Legal Aid Bureau employees to participate in the State plan. This provision terminates September 30, 2004. The Legal Aid Bureau, which employs approximately 250 people, became a satellite account with the State plan January 1, 2004.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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