

General Assembly

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## Substitute Bill No. 1443

## AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF SURVIVOR'S BENEFITS AND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE TO FAMILY MEMBERS OF CORRECTION OFFICERS, COURT SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION INVESTIGATORS, CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION INVESTIGATORS AND OFFICE OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC DEFENDER INVESTIGATORS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

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

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2025*) (a) As used in this section:

2 (1) "Dependent child" means a child, whether by blood or adoption, 3 of a correction officer or investigator, who (A) is under the age of 4 twenty-two and was dependent on the earnings of such officer or 5 investigator at the time of such officer's or investigator's death, provided 6 a child shall not be considered dependent if such child provides more 7 than half of such child's own support, is married or is legally adopted 8 by another person, or (B) is any age and is physically or mentally 9 incapacitated and was dependent on the earnings of such officer or 10 investigator at the time of such officer's or investigator's death.

11 (2) "Killed in the line of duty" means the death of a correction officer 12 or investigator while engaged in the performance of such officer's or 13 investigator's duties, resulting from an incident, an accident or violence 14 that caused such death or caused injuries that were the direct or 15 proximate cause of such officer's or investigator's death, including any 16 death that is determined to be occupationally related by a workers' 17 compensation insurance carrier, an employer to whom a certificate of 18 self-insurance has been issued pursuant to section 31-248 of the general 19 statutes or an administrative law judge for workers' compensation 20 purposes under chapter 568 of the general statutes. "Killed in the line of 21 duty" does not include the death of an officer or investigator whose 22 death results from such officer's or investigator's own wanton or wilful 23 act.

24 (3) "Correction officer" means an individual employed by the25 Department of Correction as a correction officer.

(4) "Investigator" means an individual employed by (A) the Court
Support Services Division of the Judicial Department as an investigator,
(B) the Division of Criminal Justice as an investigator, or (C) the Office
of the Chief Public Defender as an investigator.

(5) "Surviving family" means any person who is a surviving spouse,
surviving dependent child, surviving child who is not a dependent child
or surviving parent of a correction officer or an investigator killed in the
line of duty, or a surviving individual listed on such officer's or
investigator's most recent beneficiary form on file with such officer's or
investigator's employing state agency.

36 (b) There is established a fund to be known as the "Fallen Officer and 37 Investigator Fund". The fund may contain any moneys required by law 38 to be deposited in the fund and shall be held by the Treasurer separate 39 and apart from all other moneys, funds and accounts. The interest 40 derived from the investment of the fund shall be credited to the fund. 41 Amounts in the fund may be expended by the Comptroller for purposes 42 of payments pursuant to subsection (c) of this section. Any balance 43 remaining in the fund at the end of any fiscal year shall be carried 44 forward in the fund for the fiscal year next succeeding.

(c) (1) After receiving notice, in a form and manner as determined by
the Comptroller, from an individual who is a member of the surviving
family of a correction officer or an investigator who was killed in the
line of duty, the Comptroller shall pay, within available appropriations,

49 a lump sum death benefit totaling one hundred thousand dollars from 50 the fund established in subsection (b) of this section to such surviving family, in accordance with regulations adopted pursuant to subsection 51 52 (e) of this section, provided the surviving family of a correction officer 53 or an investigator killed in the line of duty shall not receive more than 54 one such lump sum death benefit. Payments shall be made to surviving 55 families in the order in which notices are received until the amount in 56 such fund is depleted.

(2) Any payment made pursuant to subdivision (1) of this subsection
shall be in addition to any other benefits for which individuals of such
officer's or investigator's surviving family are eligible and such
payments shall not be reduced or offset due to any other benefits,
including, but not limited to, workers' compensation or other survivor
benefits.

63 (d) Not later than July 1, 2026, and annually thereafter, the 64 Comptroller shall submit a report, in accordance with the provisions of 65 section 11-4a of the general statutes, to the joint standing committee of 66 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the 67 judiciary. Such report shall include a list of all expenditures made from 68 the fund established by subsection (b) of this section during the prior 69 year, the current balance of such fund and information regarding 70 additional amounts needed for such fund.

71 (e) The Comptroller shall adopt regulations in accordance with the 72 provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes to implement the 73 provisions of this section, including, but not limited to, application 74 procedures and criteria for awarding grants among individuals who are 75 members of the surviving family, with priority given to awards that 76 would benefit a dependent child or children and a spouse who is a 77 member of the surviving family. The Comptroller may implement 78 policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions of this 79 section while in the process of adopting such regulations, provided 80 notice of intent to adopt such regulations is published on the 81 eRegulations System not later than twenty days after the date of 82 implementation of such policies and procedures. Any policies and
83 procedures implemented under this subsection shall be valid until the
84 time such regulations are adopted.

Sec. 2. Subparagraph (B) of subdivision (20) of subsection (a) of section 12-701 of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2025, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2025*):

89 (B) There shall be subtracted therefrom:

90 (i) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
91 income tax purposes, any income with respect to which taxation by any
92 state is prohibited by federal law;

93 (ii) To the extent allowable under section 12-718, exempt dividends94 paid by a regulated investment company;

(iii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, the amount of any refund or credit for
overpayment of income taxes imposed by this state, or any other state
of the United States or a political subdivision thereof, or the District of
Columbia;

(iv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes and not otherwise subtracted from federal
adjusted gross income pursuant to clause (x) of this subparagraph in
computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, any tier 1 railroad
retirement benefits;

(v) To the extent any additional allowance for depreciation under
Section 168(k) of the Internal Revenue Code for property placed in
service after September 27, 2017, was added to federal adjusted gross
income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(ix) of this subdivision in
computing Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of
such additional allowance for depreciation in each of the four
succeeding taxable years;

(vi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, any interest income from obligations issued by or
on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision thereof,
or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or similar
public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut;

(vii) To the extent properly includable in determining the net gain or
loss from the sale or other disposition of capital assets for federal income
tax purposes, any gain from the sale or exchange of obligations issued
by or on behalf of the state of Connecticut, any political subdivision
thereof, or public instrumentality, state or local authority, district or
similar public entity created under the laws of the state of Connecticut,
in the income year such gain was recognized;

(viii) Any interest on indebtedness incurred or continued to purchase
or carry obligations or securities the interest on which is subject to tax
under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that
such interest on indebtedness is not deductible in determining federal
adjusted gross income and is attributable to a trade or business carried
on by such individual;

130 (ix) Ordinary and necessary expenses paid or incurred during the 131 taxable year for the production or collection of income which is subject 132 to taxation under this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, or 133 the management, conservation or maintenance of property held for the 134 production of such income, and the amortizable bond premium for the 135 taxable year on any bond the interest on which is subject to tax under 136 this chapter but exempt from federal income tax, to the extent that such 137 expenses and premiums are not deductible in determining federal 138 adjusted gross income and are attributable to a trade or business carried 139 on by such individual;

(x) (I) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a
person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried
individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
less than fifty thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing

separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is 144 145 less than fifty thousand dollars, or for a husband and wife who file a 146 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly 147 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than 148 sixty thousand dollars or a person who files a return under the federal 149 income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income 150 for such taxable year is less than sixty thousand dollars, an amount 151 equal to the Social Security benefits includable for federal income tax 152 purposes;

153 (II) For taxable years commencing prior to January 1, 2019, for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried 154 155 individual whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is 156 fifty thousand dollars or more, or as a married individual filing 157 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is 158 fifty thousand dollars or more, or for a husband and wife who file a 159 return under the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly 160 whose federal adjusted gross income from such taxable year is sixty 161 thousand dollars or more or for a person who files a return under the 162 federal income tax as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross 163 income for such taxable year is sixty thousand dollars or more, an 164 amount equal to the difference between the amount of Social Security 165 benefits includable for federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the Social Security benefits received during the 166 167 taxable year, or twenty-five per cent of the excess described in Section 168 86(b)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code;

169 (III) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each 170 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal 171 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross 172 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 173 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 174 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 175 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax 176 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars 177

or a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head of
household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is
less than one hundred thousand dollars, an amount equal to the Social
Security benefits includable for federal income tax purposes; and

182 (IV) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2019, and each 183 taxable year thereafter, for a person who files a return under the federal 184 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross 185 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more, 186 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 187 income for such taxable year is seventy-five thousand dollars or more, 188 or for a husband and wife who file a return under the federal income tax 189 as married individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross 190 income from such taxable year is one hundred thousand dollars or more 191 or for a person who files a return under the federal income tax as a head 192 of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year 193 is one hundred thousand dollars or more, an amount equal to the 194 difference between the amount of Social Security benefits includable for 195 federal income tax purposes and the lesser of twenty-five per cent of the 196 Social Security benefits received during the taxable year, or twenty-five 197 per cent of the excess described in Section 86(b)(1) of the Internal 198 Revenue Code;

(xi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, any amount rebated to a taxpayer pursuant to
section 12-746;

(xii) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal
income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, any distribution to
such beneficiary from any qualified state tuition program, as defined in
Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and
maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the
state;

208 (xiii) To the extent allowable under section 12-701a, contributions to 209 accounts established pursuant to any qualified state tuition program, as defined in Section 529(b) of the Internal Revenue Code, established and
maintained by this state or any official, agency or instrumentality of the
state;

(xiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, the amount of any Holocaust victims' settlement
payment received in the taxable year by a Holocaust victim;

(xv) To the extent properly includable in the gross income for federal
income tax purposes of a designated beneficiary, as defined in section
3-123aa, interest, dividends or capital gains earned on contributions to
accounts established for the designated beneficiary pursuant to the
Connecticut Homecare Option Program for the Elderly established by
sections 3-123aa to 3-123ff, inclusive;

(xvi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, any income received from the United States
government as retirement pay for a retired member of (I) the Armed
Forces of the United States, as defined in Section 101 of Title 10 of the
United States Code, or (II) the National Guard, as defined in Section 101
of Title 10 of the United States Code;

228 (xvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 229 income tax purposes for the taxable year, any income from the discharge 230 of indebtedness in connection with any reacquisition, after December 231 31, 2008, and before January 1, 2011, of an applicable debt instrument or 232 instruments, as those terms are defined in Section 108 of the Internal 233 Revenue Code, as amended by Section 1231 of the American Recovery 234 and Reinvestment Act of 2009, to the extent any such income was added 235 to federal adjusted gross income pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xi) of 236 this subdivision in computing Connecticut adjusted gross income for a 237 preceding taxable year;

(xviii) To the extent not deductible in determining federal adjusted
gross income, the amount of any contribution to a manufacturing
reinvestment account established pursuant to section 32-9zz in the
taxable year that such contribution is made;

242 (xix) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 243 income tax purposes, (I) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 244 2015, ten per cent of the income received from the state teachers' 245 retirement system, (II) for the taxable years commencing January 1, 246 2016, to January 1, 2020, inclusive, twenty-five per cent of the income 247 received from the state teachers' retirement system, and (III) for the 248 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, and each taxable year 249 thereafter, fifty per cent of the income received from the state teachers' 250 retirement system or, for a taxpayer whose federal adjusted gross 251 income does not exceed the applicable threshold under clause (xx) of 252 this subparagraph, the percentage pursuant to said clause of the income 253 received from the state teachers' retirement system, whichever 254 deduction is greater;

255 (xx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 256 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of 257 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvi) of this 258 subparagraph, for a person who files a return under the federal income 259 tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross income for 260 such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or as a 261 married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 262 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 263 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such 264 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband 265 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married 266 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such 267 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable 268 year commencing January 1, 2019, fourteen per cent of any pension or 269 annuity income, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2020, 270 twenty-eight per cent of any pension or annuity income, (III) for the 271 taxable year commencing January 1, 2021, forty-two per cent of any 272 pension or annuity income, and (IV) for the taxable years commencing 273 January 1, 2022, and January 1, 2023, one hundred per cent of any 274pension or annuity income;

<sup>275 (</sup>xxi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal

276 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of 277 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvi) of this 278 subparagraph, any pension or annuity income for the taxable year 279 commencing on or after January 1, 2024, and each taxable year 280 thereafter, in accordance with the following schedule, for a person who 281 files a return under the federal income tax as an unmarried individual 282 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than 283 one hundred thousand dollars, or as a married individual filing 284 separately whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is 285 less than one hundred thousand dollars, or as a head of household 286 whose federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than 287 one hundred thousand dollars:

T1	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T2	Less than \$75,000	100.0%
Т3	\$75,000 but not over \$77,499	85.0%
T4	\$77,500 but not over \$79,999	70.0%
Т5	\$80,000 but not over \$82,499	55.0%
Т6	\$82,500 but not over \$84,999	40.0%
Τ7	\$85,000 but not over \$87,499	25.0%
Т8	\$87,500 but not over \$89,999	10.0%
Т9	\$90,000 but not over \$94,999	5.0%
T10	\$95,000 but not over \$99,999	2.5%
T11	\$100,000 and over	0.0%

288 (xxii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 289 income tax purposes, except for retirement benefits under clause (iv) of 290 this subparagraph and retirement pay under clause (xvi) of this 291 subparagraph, any pension or annuity income for the taxable year 292 commencing on or after January 1, 2024, and each taxable year 293 thereafter, in accordance with the following schedule for married 294 individuals who file a return under the federal income tax as married 295 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such 296 taxable year is less than one hundred fifty thousand dollars:

T12	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T13	Less than \$100,000	100.0%
T14	\$100,000 but not over \$104,999	85.0%
T15	\$105,000 but not over \$109,999	70.0%
T16	\$110,000 but not over \$114,999	55.0%
T17	\$115,000 but not over \$119,999	40.0%
T18	\$120,000 but not over \$124,999	25.0%
T19	\$125,000 but not over \$129,999	10.0%
T20	\$130,000 but not over \$139,999	5.0%
T21	\$140,000 but not over \$149,999	2.5%
T22	\$150,000 and over	0.0%

(xxiii) The amount of lost wages and medical, travel and housing
expenses, not to exceed ten thousand dollars in the aggregate, incurred
by a taxpayer during the taxable year in connection with the donation
to another person of an organ for organ transplantation occurring on or
after January 1, 2017;

302 (xxiv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
303 income tax purposes, the amount of any financial assistance received
304 from the Crumbling Foundations Assistance Fund or paid to or on
305 behalf of the owner of a residential building pursuant to sections 8-442
306 and 8-443;

307 (xxv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
308 income tax purposes, the amount calculated pursuant to subsection (b)
309 of section 12-704g for income received by a general partner of a venture
310 capital fund, as defined in 17 CFR 275.203(l)-1, as amended from time to
311 time;

(xxvi) To the extent any portion of a deduction under Section 179 of
the Internal Revenue Code was added to federal adjusted gross income
pursuant to subparagraph (A)(xiv) of this subdivision in computing
Connecticut adjusted gross income, twenty-five per cent of such
disallowed portion of the deduction in each of the four succeeding

## 317 taxable years;

318 (xxvii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 319 income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal 320 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross 321 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 322 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 323 income for such taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, 324 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such 325 taxable year is less than seventy-five thousand dollars, or for a husband 326 and wife who file a return under the federal income tax as married 327 individuals filing jointly whose federal adjusted gross income for such 328 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, for the taxable 329 year commencing January 1, 2023, twenty-five per cent of any 330 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth 331 individual retirement account;

332 (xxviii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 333 income tax purposes, for a person who files a return under the federal 334 income tax as an unmarried individual whose federal adjusted gross 335 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, 336 or as a married individual filing separately whose federal adjusted gross 337 income for such taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, 338 or as a head of household whose federal adjusted gross income for such 339 taxable year is less than one hundred thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable 340 year commencing January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from 341 an individual retirement account other than a Roth individual 342 retirement account, (II) for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, 343 seventy-five per cent of any distribution from an individual retirement 344 account other than a Roth individual retirement account, and (III) for 345 the taxable year commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year 346 thereafter, any distribution from an individual retirement account other 347 than a Roth individual retirement account. The subtraction under this 348 clause shall be made in accordance with the following schedule:

T23	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T24	Less than \$75,000	100.0%
T25	\$75,000 but not over \$77,499	85.0%
T26	\$77,500 but not over \$79,999	70.0%
T27	\$80,000 but not over \$82,499	55.0%
T28	\$82,500 but not over \$84,999	40.0%
T29	\$85,000 but not over \$87,499	25.0%
T30	\$87,500 but not over \$89,999	10.0%
T31	\$90,000 but not over \$94,999	5.0%
T32	\$95,000 but not over \$99,999	2.5%
T33	\$100,000 and over	0.0%

349 (xxix) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 350 income tax purposes, for married individuals who file a return under 351 the federal income tax as married individuals filing jointly whose 352 federal adjusted gross income for such taxable year is less than one 353 hundred fifty thousand dollars, (I) for the taxable year commencing 354 January 1, 2024, fifty per cent of any distribution from an individual 355 retirement account other than a Roth individual retirement account, (II) 356 for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2025, seventy-five per cent 357 of any distribution from an individual retirement account other than a 358 Roth individual retirement account, and (III) for the taxable year 359 commencing January 1, 2026, and each taxable year thereafter, any 360 distribution from an individual retirement account other than a Roth 361 individual retirement account. The subtraction under this clause shall 362 be made in accordance with the following schedule:

T34	Federal Adjusted Gross Income	Deduction
T35	Less than \$100,000	100.0%
T36	\$100,000 but not over \$104,999	85.0%
T37	\$105,000 but not over \$109,999	70.0%
T38	\$110,000 but not over \$114,999	55.0%
T39	\$115,000 but not over \$119,999	40.0%
T40	\$120,000 but not over \$124,999	25.0%

T41	\$125,000 but not over \$129,999	10.0%
T42	\$130,000 but not over \$139,999	5.0%
T43	\$140,000 but not over \$149,999	2.5%
T44	\$150,000 and over	0.0%

363 (xxx) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal 364 income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing January 1, 2022, 365 the amount or amounts paid or otherwise credited to any eligible 366 resident of this state under (I) the 2020 Earned Income Tax Credit 367 enhancement program from funding allocated to the state through the 368 Coronavirus Relief Fund established under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, 369 and Economic Security Act, P.L. 116-136, and (II) the 2021 Earned 370 Income Tax Credit enhancement program from funding allocated to the 371 state pursuant to Section 9901 of Subtitle M of Title IX of the American 372 Rescue Plan Act of 2021, P.L. 117-2;

373 (xxxi) For the taxable year commencing January 1, 2023, and each 374 taxable year thereafter, for a taxpayer licensed under the provisions of 375 chapter 420f or 420h, the amount of ordinary and necessary expenses 376 that would be eligible to be claimed as a deduction for federal income 377 tax purposes under Section 162(a) of the Internal Revenue Code but that 378 are disallowed under Section 280E of the Internal Revenue Code 379 because marijuana is a controlled substance under the federal 380 Controlled Substance Act;

(xxxii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, for the taxable year commencing on or after
January 1, 2025, and each taxable year thereafter, any common stock
received by the taxpayer during the taxable year under a share plan, as
defined in section 12-217ss;

(xxxiii) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
income tax purposes, the amount of any student loan reimbursement
payment received by a taxpayer pursuant to section 10a-19m;

389 (xxxiv) Contributions to an ABLE account established pursuant to

390	sections 3-39k to 3-39q, inclusive, not to exceed five thousand dollars for
391	each individual taxpayer or ten thousand dollars for taxpayers filing a
392	joint return; [and]
393	(xxxv) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
394	income tax purposes, the amount of any payment received pursuant to
395	subsection (c) of section 3-122a; and
396	(xxxvi) To the extent properly includable in gross income for federal
397	income tax purposes, the amount of any payment received pursuant to
398	subsection (c) of section 1 of this act.

Sec. 3. Subsection (a) of section 5-259 of the general statutes is
repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1*,
2025):

402 (a) The Comptroller, with the approval of the Attorney General and 403 of the Insurance Commissioner, shall arrange and procure a group 404 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan or plans for (1) 405 state employees, (2) members of the General Assembly who elect 406 coverage under such plan or plans, (3) participants in an alternate 407 retirement program who meet the service requirements of section 5-162 408 or subsection (a) of section 5-166, (4) anyone receiving benefits under 409 section 5-144 or from any state-sponsored retirement system, except the 410 teachers' retirement system and the municipal employees retirement 411 system, (5) judges of probate and Probate Court employees, (6) the 412 surviving spouse, and any dependent children of a state police officer, a 413 member of an organized local police department, a firefighter or a 414 constable who performs criminal law enforcement duties who dies 415 before, on or after June 26, 2003, as the result of injuries received while 416 acting within the scope of such officer's or firefighter's or constable's 417 employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and whose 418 surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise eligible for 419 a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan. 420 Coverage for a dependent child pursuant to this subdivision shall 421 terminate no earlier than the end of the calendar year during whichever

422 of the following occurs first, the date on which the child: Becomes 423 covered under a group health plan through the dependent's own 424 employment; or attains the age of twenty-six, (7) employees of the 425 Capital Region Development Authority established by section 32-601, 426 [and] (8) the surviving spouse and dependent children of any employee 427 of a municipality who dies on or after October 1, 2000, as the result of 428 injuries received while acting within the scope of such employee's 429 employment and not as the result of illness or natural causes, and whose 430 surviving spouse and dependent children are not otherwise eligible for 431 a group hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan. For 432 purposes of this subdivision, "employee" means any regular employee 433 or elective officer receiving pay from a municipality, "municipality" 434 means any town, city, borough, school district, taxing district, fire 435 district, district department of health, probate district, housing 436 authority, regional workforce development board established under 437 section 31-3k, flood commission or authority established by special act 438 or regional council of governments, and (9) the surviving spouse and 439 dependent children of any correction officer or investigator who is 440 killed in the line of duty on or after July 1, 2025, and whose surviving 441 spouse and dependent children are not otherwise eligible for a group 442 hospitalization and medical and surgical insurance plan. For purposes of this subdivision, "correction officer", "investigator" and "killed in the 443 444 line of duty" have the same meanings as provided in section 1 of this act. 445 For purposes of subdivision (6) of this subsection, "firefighter" means 446 any person who is regularly employed and paid by any municipality for 447 the purpose of performing firefighting duties for a municipality on 448 average of not less than thirty-five hours per week. The minimum 449 benefits to be provided by such plan or plans shall be substantially equal 450 in value to the benefits that each such employee or member of the 451 General Assembly could secure in such plan or plans on an individual 452 basis on the preceding first day of July. The state shall pay for each such 453 employee and each member of the General Assembly covered by such 454 plan or plans the portion of the premium charged for such member's or 455 employee's individual coverage and seventy per cent of the additional 456 cost of the form of coverage and such amount shall be credited to the

457 total premiums owed by such employee or member of the General 458 Assembly for the form of such member's or employee's coverage under 459 such plan or plans. On and after January 1, 1989, the state shall pay for 460 anyone receiving benefits from any such state-sponsored retirement 461 system one hundred per cent of the portion of the premium charged for 462 such member's or employee's individual coverage and one hundred per 463 cent of any additional cost for the form of coverage. The balance of any 464 premiums payable by an individual employee or by a member of the 465 General Assembly for the form of coverage shall be deducted from the 466 payroll by the State Comptroller. The total premiums payable shall be 467 remitted by the Comptroller to the insurance company or companies or 468 nonprofit organization or organizations providing the coverage. The 469 amount of the state's contribution per employee for a health 470 maintenance organization option shall be equal, in terms of dollars and 471 cents, to the largest amount of the contribution per employee paid for 472 any other option that is available to all eligible state employees included 473 in the health benefits plan, but shall not be required to exceed the 474 amount of the health maintenance organization premium.

This act sha sections:	ll take effect as follows and	shall amend the following
Section 1	July 1, 2025	New section
Sec. 2	July 1, 2025, and applicable to taxable years commencing on or after January 1, 2025	12-701(a)(20)(B)
Sec. 3	July 1, 2025	5-259(a)

## Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In Section 1(d), "July 1, 2025" was changed to "July 1, 2026" for accuracy.

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