
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)