

Below is a summary of the most significant bills impacting PEBP from the 2009 Legislative Session:

Assembly Bill 87

Revises provisions concerning the collection of debts owed to the State. (BDR 31-494). Requires the State Controller to grant a waiver to any department desiring to continue their own collection efforts.

Assembly Bill 162

Requires certain policies of health insurance and health care plans to provide coverage for screening for and treatment of autism. (BDR 57-44). As amended on 5/22/09, mandate PEBP to provide specified coverage for autism effective 7/1/11.

Senate Bill 103

Revises provisions relating to the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR 23-422). This is PEBP's housekeeping bill and, among other changes, includes stronger language for the collection of local government retiree subsidies.

Senate Bill 283

Revises provisions governing the rights of domestic partners. (BDR 11-1100). Among other changes, establishes a registry through the Secretary of State to record domestic partnerships. PEBP removed its fiscal note when the bill was amended on 4/8/09 to make providing domestic partner health benefits discretionary.

Senate Bill 400

Makes an appropriation to the Nevada System of Higher Education for stale claims owed to the Public Employees' Benefits Program. (BDR S-1252). Included an \$110,800 supplemental appropriation for prior receivables to PEBP from NSHE. This amount was in addition to a \$474,543 stale claim that was approved. Past due amounts from NSHE have now been paid in full.

Senate Bill 415

Establishes for the next biennium the maximum amount to be paid to the Public Employees' Benefits Program for group insurance for certain active and retired public officers and employees. (BDR S-1191) As originally submitted, the bill reflected the Governor's recommended subsidy for next biennium for actives and retirees. The bill was amended to incorporate actions of Budget Closing 5/5/09.

Senate Bill 427

Revises provisions governing public employees. (BDR 23-1290) Changes subsidy eligibility for employees hired by the State on or after 1/1/10 to a minimum of 15 years of service (except if on a disability retirement) and eliminates subsidy for employees hired by the State on or after 1/1/10 who reinstate coverage with PEBP after retirement.