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1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the state group insurance program;
 3 amending s. 110.123, F.S.; deleting a provision that
 4 prohibits the state from making a contribution toward
 5 the premium for coverage under the program for a
 6 retiree or surviving spouse; providing a declaration
 7 of important state interest; providing an effective
 8 date.

10 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

12 Section 1. Paragraph (e) of subsection (4) of section
 13 110.123, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

14 110.123 State group insurance program.—

15 (4) PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS; CONTRIBUTION BY STATE; LIMITATION
 16 ON ACTIONS TO PAY AND COLLECT PREMIUMS.—

17 (e) ~~No state contribution for the cost of any part of the~~
 18 ~~premium shall be made for retirees or surviving spouses for any~~
 19 ~~type of coverage under the state group insurance program.~~

20 ~~However,~~ Any state agency that employs a full-time law
 21 enforcement officer, correctional officer, or correctional
 22 probation officer who is killed or suffers catastrophic injury
 23 in the line of duty as provided in s. 112.19, or a full-time
 24 firefighter who is killed or suffers catastrophic injury in the
 25 line of duty as provided in s. 112.191, shall pay the entire
 26 premium of the state group health insurance plan selected for
 27 the employee's surviving spouse until remarried, and for each
 28 dependent child of the employee, subject to the conditions and
 29 limitations set forth in s. 112.19 or s. 112.191, as applicable.

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30 Section 2. The Legislature finds that a proper and
31 legitimate state purpose is served when employees and retirees
32 of the state and its political subdivisions, and the dependents,
33 survivors, and beneficiaries of such employees and retirees, are
34 extended the basic protections afforded by governmental
35 retirement systems. These persons must be provided benefits that
36 are fair and adequate and that are managed, administered, and
37 funded in an actuarially sound manner, as required by Section
38 14, Article X of the State Constitution, and part VII of chapter
39 112, Florida Statutes. Therefore, the Legislature determines and
40 declares that this act fulfills an important state interest.

41 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.