

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 919**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2908**

**By McNally, Ketron**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2975

By Fitzhugh, Dunn, Winningham, White

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 8, Chapter 27, relative to the long-term care benefits program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-302, is amended by adding the following language as a new item (a)(2)(C):

(C)(i) The committee shall develop a mechanism to provide an opportunity for eligible local education employees to enroll in a long-term care benefits program with the coverage to be effective January 1, 2012. The committee is authorized to determine the benefits package, funding mechanism, administrative procedures, eligibility provisions and rules relating to the program. Local education agencies electing to offer access to this coverage for their employees may be required to provide a payroll deduction capability for the collection of premiums and the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System may be required to deduct monthly premiums for members participating in the long-term care plan. The long-term care benefits program established in this item may be combined with the program for state employees authorized in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-210, or may be established as a separate program.

(ii) The Department of Finance and Administration shall report its recommendations concerning this authorization to the Council on Pensions and Insurance on or before November 1, 2010.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-207, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (m):

(m)(1) The Local Government Insurance Committee shall develop a mechanism to provide an opportunity for eligible local government employees to enroll in a long-term care benefits program with the coverage to be effective January 1, 2012. The committee is authorized to determine the benefits package, funding mechanism, administrative procedures, eligibility provisions and rules relating to the program. Qualified agencies electing to offer access to this coverage for their employees may be required to provide a payroll deduction capability for the collection of premiums and the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement

System may be required to deduct monthly premiums for members participating in the long-term care plan. The long-term care benefits program established in this subsection may be combined with the program for state employees authorized in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 8-27-210, and/or the program for employees of local education agencies authorized in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-302, or may be established as a separate program.

(2) The Department of Finance and Administration shall report to the Council on Pensions and Insurance its recommendations concerning this authorization on or before November 1, 2010.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 12, 2010**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 26th day of May 2010**



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR