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An act to amend Sections 22956 and 22959.83 of the Government Code, relating to postemployment retirement benefits, and making an appropriation therefor.



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## THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 22956 of the Government Code is amended to read:

22956. (a) An annuitant who retires from the state may enroll in a dental care plan offered under this part, provided either of the following apply:

(1) The annuitant is not enrolled in a health benefit plan or a dental care plan, but was eligible for enrollment as an employee at the time of separation for retirement, and who retired within 120 days of the date of separation.

(2) The annuitant is receiving an allowance pursuant to Article 6 (commencing with Section 9359) of Chapter 3.5 of Part 1 of Division 2.

(b) ~~The~~ Except as provided in subdivision (c), the board has no duty to locate or notify any annuitant who may be eligible to enroll, or to provide names or addresses to any person, agency, or entity for the purpose of notifying those annuitants.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, the board shall assist the California State University upon request by providing annuitant names and addresses to the California State University solely for the purpose of notifying those annuitants of eligibility for enrollment in a dental care plan offered by the California State University under this part. Any information provided to the California State University for this purpose shall be treated as confidential by the California State University.

SEC. 2. Section 22959.83 of the Government Code is amended to read:

22959.83. (a) An annuitant who retires from a California State University campus or the office of the chancellor may enroll in a vision care plan offered under this part, if any of the following apply:

(1) The annuitant was enrolled in a health benefit plan, a dental care plan, or vision care plan at the time of separation for retirement, and retired within 120 days of the date of separation.

(2) The annuitant was not enrolled in a health benefit plan, a dental care plan, or vision care plan at the time of separation for retirement, but was eligible for enrollment as an employee at the time of separation for retirement, and retired within 120 days of the date of separation.

(b) The California State University has no duty to locate or notify any annuitant who may be eligible to enroll, or to provide names or addresses to any person, agency, or entity for the purpose of notifying those annuitants.

(c) Notwithstanding any other law, the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System shall assist the California State University upon request by providing annuitant names and addresses to the California State University solely for the purpose of notifying those annuitants of eligibility for enrollment into a vision care plan offered by the California State University under this part. Any information provided to the California State University for this purpose shall be treated as confidential by the California State University.



## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

Bill No.  
as introduced, \_\_\_\_\_.  
General Subject: Postemployment retirement benefits: health and vision care plans.

The State Employees' Dental Care Act authorizes the state, through the Department of Human Resources, the Trustees of the California State University, or the Regents of the University of California, to contract with carriers for dental care plans for employees, annuitants, and eligible family members. Under existing law, the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System has no duty to locate or notify annuitants who may be eligible to enroll, or to provide names or addresses for the purpose of notifying those annuitants.

The California State University Annuitant Vision Care Program requires the California State University system to administer a vision care program for all participating annuitants, as defined, of that institution. Under existing law, the California State University has no duty to locate or notify annuitants who may be eligible to enroll, or to provide names or addresses for the purpose of notifying those annuitants.

Existing law creates the Public Employees' Retirement System, the management and control of which is vested in its board of administration. Existing law creates the Public Employee's Retirement Fund, a continuously appropriated trust fund under the exclusive control of the board, to be administered in accordance with the Public Employees' Retirement Law (PERL) solely for the benefit of the members and retired members of the system and their survivors and beneficiaries. PERL prohibits expenditure of retirement fund moneys for other than specified purposes relating to the system.

This bill would require the Board of Administration of the Public Employees' Retirement System to assist the California State University, upon request, by providing it with annuitant names and addresses solely for the purpose of notifying those annuitants of eligibility for enrollment into a university-offered dental or vision care plan. The bill would require information provided to the California State University for this purpose to be confidential.

By authorizing moneys in the Public Employees' Retirement Fund to be spent for a new purpose, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

