

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
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**March 26, 2013**

**TO:** Honorable Bill Callegari, Chair, House Committee on Pensions

**FROM:** Ursula Parks, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2155** by Callegari (Relating to eligibility of certain dependents for coverage under the state employee group benefits program.), **Committee Report 1st House, Substituted**

**No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.**

The bill would amend the Insurance Code by changing the definition of a dependent related to eligibility for the state's Group Benefits Program, specifically for the coverage of a child that is mentally or physically incapacitated, and would expand eligibility to children whose coverage had previously lapsed. The Employees Retirement System indicates that any costs associated with implementing this bill could be absorbed within existing resources. The bill would take effect immediately upon receiving a two-thirds majority vote in each house. Otherwise, the bill would take effect September 1, 2013.

**Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 327 Employees Retirement System

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