

**As Introduced**

**132nd General Assembly  
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**S. B. No. 247**

**Senator Dolan**

**A BILL**

To enact section 145.585 of the Revised Code to  
require the Public Employees Retirement System  
to permit certain spouses of retired or deceased  
members to continue receiving allowances to pay  
for health care expenses under the System's  
group health care care plans.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF OHIO:**

**Section 1.** That section 145.585 of the Revised Code be  
enacted to read as follows:

**Sec. 145.585.** (A) This section applies to a PERS  
retirant's spouse and a deceased public employees retirement  
system member's surviving spouse if both of the following apply  
to the spouse or surviving spouse:

(1) The spouse or surviving spouse, on December 31, 2017,  
is age eighty-five or older;

(2) In calendar year 2017, the spouse or surviving spouse  
was enrolled in a group health care plan established pursuant to  
section 145.58 of the Revised Code.

(B) Unless the public employees retirement board

discontinues health care coverage for retirants, it shall permit 19  
a spouse or surviving spouse described in this section to 20  
continue receiving any health care allowance the spouse or 21  
surviving spouse received from the system in calendar year 2017, 22  
plus for each succeeding calendar year, any increases in the 23  
allowance the retirant receives or the deceased member would 24  
have received, to pay or be reimbursed for health care premiums 25  
and other qualified health care expenses. 26