WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §5-10-52A

§5-10-52a. Specific provisions relating to certain staff members participating in the Public Employees Retirement System employed by Hopemont Hospital, Jackie Withrow Hospital, John Manchin Sr. Health Care Center, and Lakin State Hospital.

Notwithstanding any provision of this code to the contrary, any staff member participating in the Public Employees Retirement System employed by Hopemont Hospital, Jackie Withrow Hospital, John Manchin Sr. Health Care Center, or Lakin State Hospital on October 31, 2025, who will be 55 years within one calendar year of that date and who, but for not having yet attained the age of 60 if participating in Tier 1 of the Public Employees Retirement System, or the age of 62 if participating in Tier 2 of the Public Employees Retirement System, would be eligible for retirement under the provisions of this article, shall be permitted to begin drawing his or her retirement benefit as though he or she had attained that age: *Provided*, That Tier 1 employees with unused sick leave standing to their credit on October 31, 2025, who begin receiving a retirement benefit annuity pursuant to this section, shall be permitted to use unused sick leave toward additional retirement service: *Provided, further*, That nothing in this section may be construed to otherwise alter any other provision of this article relating to the members described in this section: *Provided, further*, That employees described in this section shall begin commencement of retirement annuity benefits the first day of the month following the effective date of this section or upon attaining the age of 55, whichever occurs last: *Provided, however*, That for purposes of coverage in retirement by the Public Employees Insurance Agency, the individuals described in this section shall be considered to have retired directly from a participating public employer upon receiving their retirement benefit annuity.

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