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1 Senator Henson of the 41st offered the following amendment:

2 Amend the Senate Insurance and Labor Committee substitute to HB 638 by inserting on line
3 of page 1 after the word and symbol "plan;" the following:

4 "to provide that the Board of Community Health is authorized to contract with the
5 community service boards for the inclusion in such plan of any person who retires as an
6 employee of a community service board with at least ten years of actual service and after
7 attaining the age of 60 years, or after 30 years of actual service to a community service
8 board regardless of age; to provide for employer and employee contributions;"

9 By inserting following line 22 of page 1 the following:

10 **"SECTION 1A.**

11 Said chapter is further amended by inserting immediately following Code Section 45-18-7.7,
12 relating to employees and dependents of critical access hospitals in health plans, a new Code
13 section to read as follows:

14 '45-18-7.8.

15 The board is authorized to contract for the continuation of coverage in any health insurance
16 plan established under this article for their employees and their eligible dependents with
17 the community service boards created by Chapter 2 of Title 37 for the inclusion of
18 employees who retire on or after July 1, 2003, with at least ten years of actual service to
19 a community service board after having attained the age of 60 years, or after 30 years of
20 actual service to a community service board regardless of age, and the spouses and
21 dependent children of such employees, as defined by the regulations of the board, in any
22 health insurance plan or plans established under this article. It shall be the duty of each
23 community service board to collect such payment from its qualified retired employees or
24 dependents as may be required under the board's regulations. In addition, it shall be the
25 duty of each community service board to make the employer contributions required for the
26 operation of such plan or plans; provided, however, that each community service board
27 shall be liable for the entire amount due without regard to whether it has received the
28 employee's share."

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