

# SEBB Program History

## *Important dates in the development of the SEBB Program*

### 1988

- Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2038 directs the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) to evaluate K-12 employee benefits administration.

### 1990

- Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2230 establishes annual reporting requirements for K-12 districts and their carriers. Initiates a pooling system to minimize differences in expenses between employees with and without covered dependents.

### 2012

- Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5940 sets the goals of improving transparency of health benefit plan claims and financial data; creates greater affordability for full-family coverage and greater equity between premium costs; promotes health care innovations and cost savings, and reduces administrative costs; and provides greater parity between K-12 employee benefits and state employee benefits.

### 2017

- June 7: The Legislature passes [Engrossed House Bill 2242](#), creating the School Employees

Benefits Board, with authority to design and approve insurance benefit plans for school employees, under the administration of HCA.

- June 30: EHB 2242 signed into law by Gov. Jay Inslee.
- July 1: HCA begins implementation process.
- October 23: [SEB Board](#) begins work.

### 2018

- March 7: Legislature passes [Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 6241](#), updating and clarifying EHB 2242.
- March 23: Gov. Inslee signs ESSB 6241 into law.
- Dec. 13: Governor's budget includes \$900 million to fund the SEBB Program.

### 2019

- Legislature expected to approve funding rates during legislative session.
- SEB Board expected to approve plans and premiums after funding rates approved by Legislature.
- Oct. 1 through Nov. 15: SEBB Program first annual open enrollment.

### 2020



- Jan. 1: Coverage begins for an estimated 150,000 school employees and their dependents.

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