

RISE Delaware™ Update: More Great News – HB 282 is NOW LAW!

TO SEBC Observers and Other Friends of Rise:

Today's override of HB 282 feels especially personal and satisfying. The bill is essentially a rejection of the Supreme Court opinion in that it requires greater transparency and accountability at the SEBC. It validates our efforts to have more open government at the SEBC by requiring the opportunity for informed and meaningful comment by retirees and other members of the public.

Thank you to all of you who put in so much effort to make this happen, whether through help in the legal proceedings (both advisory and with contributions), or work before the RHBAS and SEBC, or working the legislation. This result required an amazing team effort and we did it!

For those not on Facebook, below is our post announcing the great result.

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The Delaware Senate in another historic vote just overrode the Governor's veto of HB 282 (SEBC transparency and accountability)!! Given the House vote yesterday to override the veto, HB 282 is now law.

With HB 281 and HB 282 now ensconced in Delaware code, we have achieved both:

- (1) a legislative guarantee of a Medicare Supplement plan for all State employees and retirees; and
- (2) protections against a future sneak attack by the State through the SEBC against that benefit.

We are now waiting for the final outcome this week on the bills to increase funding (HB 330) and contain costs (HB 375, 376 and 377) which the Governor has publicly stated that he supports. These bills will help to eliminate motivation in the future for the State to go after the Medicare Supplement benefit. It was financial concerns that led to the SEBC's attempt to offload State retirees into Medicare Advantage.

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