



**United States
Office of Personnel Management
Retirement and Insurance Service**

Benefits Administration Letter

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SUBJECT: Possible New FERS Open Enrollment Period

Congress has approved the Federal Employees' Retirement System Open Enrollment Act of 1997, which is section 642 of H.R. 2378. This bill has not yet been signed into law.

This provision, if approved by the President, would give employees covered by the Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) the opportunity to move into the Federal Employees Retirement System (FERS) from July 1, 1998, to December 31, 1998. It would require the Office of Personnel Management to establish rules similar to those that governed the 1987 FERS open enrollment opportunity.

We will advise you as soon as possible if the bill is approved, and, if so, will work closely with agencies to implement it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John E. Landers".

John E. Landers, Chief
Retirement Policy Division