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A BILL ACT 867 OF 1991
HOUSE BILL 1232

4 **By: Representatives D. Roberts, Rice and Willems**

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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"AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE STATE

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EMPLOYEES INSURANCE LAW; AND FOR OTHER

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PURPOSES."

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12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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14 *SECTION 1. The Governor may, by executive order, transfer the State*
15 *Employees Insurance Section of the Department of Finance and Administration to*
16 *the State Insurance Department at such time as he determines it to be in the*
17 *best interest of the State Employees Insurance Program.*

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19 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 21-5-402 is hereby amended to read as follows:*

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"21-5-402. Committee members - Appointment and terms.

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(a) The State Employees Insurance Advisory Committee shall consist of
22 *nine (9) voting members and one (1) non-voting ex officio member.*

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(b) The nine (9) voting members of the committee shall be as follows:

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(1) the State Insurance Commissioner;

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(2) four (4) persons, appointed by the Governor, who are permanent
26 *employees of state agencies, boards, departments, commissions, or*

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institutions, a majority of whose full-time personnel are participants in the
28 *State Employees Insurance Program, provided, however, that one (1) of the*

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appointments shall be a retired state employee who is a participant in the

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State Employees Insurance Program;

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(3) two (2) persons, appointed by the Insurance Commissioner, who are
32 *either health care providers or health care insurers;*

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(4) one (1) member of the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee

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appointed by the Chairman of that committee; and

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(5) one (1) member of the House Insurance and Commerce Committee

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appointed by the Chairman of that committee.

1 (c) The manager of the State Employees Health Insurance Program shall
2 be the non-voting ex officio member of the committee.

3 (d) Members shall serve staggered three-year terms and shall serve
4 until an appointment to that position is made by the appropriate appointing
5 authority.

6 (e) Any vacancies arising in the membership of the committee for any
7 reason other than expiration of the regular term for which such member was
8 appointed shall be filled by appointment by the Governor, State Insurance
9 Commissioner, Chairman of the House Insurance and Commerce Committee, or
10 Chairman of the Senate Insurance and Commerce Committee, as the case may be,
11 and shall be thereafter effective until the expiration of such regular terms.

12 (f) Nothing in this subchapter shall be interpreted as preventing
13 reappointment."
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15 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code 21-5-404 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 "21-5-404. Committee members - Prohibited activities.

17 No member of the committee shall realize any gain or profit or be
18 monetarily involved as a result of any transactions of the committee."
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20 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code 21-5-405(c)(3) is hereby amended to read as
21 follows:

22 "(3) The committee shall meet or hold hearings at the call of the
23 chairman at a location convenient to state employees and all such meetings and
24 hearings shall be open to the public."
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26 SECTION 5. Arkansas Code 21-5-414 is hereby amended to read as follows:

27 "21-5-414. State contributions generally - Partial state contribution
28 of employees' premiums.

29 (a) The State Employees Insurance Advisory Committee shall seek the
30 advice of the Legislative Council and the Joint Interim Committee on Insurance
31 and Commerce before additional contribution can be made.

32 (b) The State of Arkansas is authorized to make a monthly contribution
33 up to but not to exceed the amount for the period indicated below to partially
34 defray the cost of life and health insurance for each employee of the state
35 participating in the plan adopted by the State Employees Insurance Advisory

