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Amendment Form

Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 946

"TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SEEK PROPOSALS FROM HEALTH INSURERS OR
HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE HEALTH CARE COVERAGE OF
THE DISTRICT'S EMPLOYEES."

Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 946.

Amend Senate Bill No. 946 as originally introduced:

Delete Section 1. of the bill and substitute new sections to read follows:

“SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 11 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

6-17-1119. Authority to purchase health insurance for employees.

(a) Notwithstanding any provision of §§ 21-5-401 through 21-5-417 to the contrary, an Arkansas school district is authorized to solicit proposals from any health insurer or health maintenance organization to provide school district employees and dependents with health insurance coverage or with health care benefits that are independent of the group coverage offered by the state under the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance program.

(b) If a school district enters into an agreement with a health insurer or health maintenance organization, the school district is entitled to receive payments from the state for its employees and dependents in an equivalent amount provided to other similar school districts as an offset to the cost of the premiums to the health insurer or health maintenance organization.

(c) As if the employee was participating in the public school employee health insurance program, the school districts shall pay for each employee under this section no less than the health insurance contribution rate under § 6-17-1117 for each eligible employee electing to participate with the school district's health insurer or health maintenance organization.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-406(e), concerning the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance program, is amended to read as follows:

(e) The Arkansas State Police Employee Health Plan and any public school district purchasing health insurance for its employees under § 6-17-



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and _____

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1119 shall be exempt from any mandatory participation required by this section.”