

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **78th General Assembly**
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4 **By: Representatives Bryan, D. Roberts, Cunningham, Arnold, Willems, Horn, Maddox, S.**
5 **Miller and Landers**

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1546

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO STUDY THE STATE'S PUBLIC
10 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES."

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

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15 SECTION 1. As used in this act, "Classified personnel" means all public
16 school personnel who are not required to hold a valid teaching certificate
17 issued by the Arkansas Department of Education as a condition of employment
18 and shall include, but shall not be limited to, school secretaries,
19 maintenance employees, bus drivers, food service employees, and instructional
20 aides.

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22 SECTION 2. (a) There is hereby created the School Employee Health
23 Insurance Study Commission.

24 (b) The commission shall be composed of the following members:

25 (1) The Co-chairmen of the Joint Interim Committee on Insurance
26 and Commerce or their designees;

27 (2) The director of the General Education Division of the
28 Department of Education or his designee;

29 (3) The chairman of the Public School Employee Insurance Advisory
30 Committee;

31 (4) A representative selected by the Arkansas Association of
32 Educational Administrators;

33 (5) A representative selected by the Arkansas Education
34 Association;

35 (6) A representative selected by the Arkansas School Boards

1 Association;

2 (7) Two (2) persons *knowledgeable of the health insurance field,*
3 *but not employed by a company selling group health insurance in Arkansas,*
4 appointed by the Insurance Commissioner;

5 (8) The following persons to be appointed by the Governor:

6 (A) one (1) public school teacher;

7 (B) one (1) retired school employee;

8 (C) one (1) public school administrator;

9 (D) one (1) public school classified employee; and

10 (E) *two (2) employees of institutions of higher education;*
11 *one (1) of the employees shall be a president or chancellor and the other*
12 *shall be a fiscal officer.*

13 (c) The Arkansas Department of Insurance shall provide staff assistance
14 for the commission.

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16 SECTION 3. (a) The commission shall study the current Arkansas Public
17 School Employee Health Insurance Program including, but not limited to,
18 expansion of the program to cover presently non-covered school employees,
19 *employees of institutions of higher education,* conversion to a self-insurance
20 program, bidding procedures, composition of the Public School Employee
21 Insurance Advisory Committee and provision of state funding for retired school
22 employees' health insurance.

23 (b) The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations
24 for changes in the Public School Employee Health Insurance Program to the
25 Joint Interim Committee on Insurance and Commerce and the 1993 General
26 Assembly.

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28 SECTION 4. This act shall expire on January 31, 1993.

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30 SECTION 5 All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature
31 are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code
32 Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

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34 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to
35 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect
36 other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without

1 the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this
2 act are declared to be severable.

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4 SECTION 7. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are
5 hereby repealed.

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7 /s/L. L. Bryan, et al

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