

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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5 By: Representatives Sumpter, King
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Call Item 3

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1039

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR STATE
10 CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE
11 HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
12 EDUCATION FOR THE BIENNIAL PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30,
13 2005; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
17 - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH
18 INSURANCE PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE
19 2003-2005 BIENNIUM.
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23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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25 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE
26 PROGRAM. There is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be
27 payable from the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for
28 state contributions to the Public School Employee Health Insurance Program,
29 for the biennial period ending June 30, 2005, the sum of . . . \$180,000,000.
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-17-1117 regarding Health Insurance is
32 repealed.

33 ~~6-17-1117. Health insurance.~~
34 ~~(a) Beginning on July 1, 2001, local school districts shall pay the health~~
35 ~~insurance contribution rate of one hundred fourteen dollars (\$114) per month~~
36 ~~for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public school~~



1 ~~employee health insurance program.~~

2 ~~—(b) Beginning on October 1, 2003, local school districts shall pay the~~
3 ~~health insurance contribution rate of one hundred twenty two dollars (\$122)~~
4 ~~per month for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public~~
5 ~~school employee health insurance program.~~

6 ~~(c) Beginning on October 1, 2004, local school districts shall pay the~~
7 ~~health insurance contribution rate of one hundred thirty one dollars (\$131)~~
8 ~~per month for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public~~
9 ~~school employee health insurance program.~~

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11 SECTION 3. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS CODE
12 NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. PUBLIC SCHOOL
13 EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM. The Department of Education shall provide
14 monthly contributions to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of
15 Finance and Administration for the Public School Employees Health Insurance
16 Program. Of the total appropriation authorized by this act, the Department
17 of Education shall allocate and make available funds totaling sixty million
18 dollars (\$60,000,000) during the 2003-04 fiscal year and one hundred twenty
19 million dollars (\$120,000,000) during the 2004-05 fiscal year for state
20 contributions to the Public School Employees Health Insurance Program as
21 administered by the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance
22 and Administration.

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24 SECTION 4. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
25 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
26 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
27 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
28 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
29 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditures
30 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this
31 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
32 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
33 with in disbursement of said funds.

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35 SECTION 5. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
36 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained

1 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
2 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
3 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
5 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
6 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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8 SECTION 6. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
9 Assembly, that providing state assistance for monthly contributions directly
10 to the Public School Employees Health Insurance Program as administered by
11 the Department of Finance and Administration is needed to ensure financial
12 security for participants of the health insurance program. Therefore, an
13 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
14 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
15 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.
16 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
17 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
18 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
19 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides
20 the veto.

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