

1 State of Arkansas  
2 84th General Assembly  
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*As Engrossed: H12/19/03*  
**A Bill**

Call Item 3

HOUSE BILL 1039

5 By: Representatives Sumpter, King, *Edwards*  
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**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**

15 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
16 - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH  
17 INSURANCE PROGRAM APPROPRIATION FOR THE  
18 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32 repealed.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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22 /s/ Sumpter, et al  
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