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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

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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 *monthly payments to school districts for active participants in the Public*
29 *School Employees Health Insurance Program sponsored by the State and Public*
30 *School Life and Health Insurance Board, for the fiscal year ending June 30,*
31 *2005, the sum of \$80,000,000.*
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33 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code 6-17-1117 regarding Health Insurance is
34 repealed.

35 ~~6-17-1117. Health insurance.~~
36 ~~(a) Beginning on July 1, 2001, local school districts shall pay the health~~



1 ~~insurance contribution rate of one hundred fourteen dollars (\$114) per month~~
2 ~~for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public school~~
3 ~~employee health insurance program.~~

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

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

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13 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
14 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
15 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
16 restrictions of the State Purchasing Law, the General Accounting and
17 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
18 Procedures and Restrictions Act, the Higher Education Expenditures
19 Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal control laws of this
20 State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by the Department of
21 Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied
22 with in disbursement of said funds.

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24 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
25 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
26 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
27 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
28 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
30 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
31 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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33 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
34 Assembly, that providing state assistance for monthly contributions directly
35 to the Public School Employees Health Insurance Program as administered by
36 the Department of Finance and Administration is needed to ensure financial

1 security for participants of the health insurance program. Therefore, an
2 emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being necessary for the
3 immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in
4 full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.
5 If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become
6 effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor
7 may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is
8 overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides
9 the veto.

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