

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

# **A BILL ACT 311 OF 1991**

## **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  
36 Association;

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 (E) two (2) employees of institutions of higher education;

10 *one (1) of the employees shall be a president or chancellor and the other*  
11 *shall be a fiscal officer.*

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

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

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

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

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

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33 SECTION 6. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to  
34 any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect  
35 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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*/s/L. L. Bryan, et al*

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