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2 90th General Assembly

# A Bill

3 Regular Session, 2015

HOUSE BILL 1902

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5 By: Representative Sabin

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND

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

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25 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 5, is amended to add an*

26 *additional subchapter to read as follows:*

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28 *Subchapter 13 – Deferred Contribution to a Tuition Savings Program*

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30 *21-5-1301. Definitions.*

31 *As used in this subchapter:*

32 *(1)(A) "Agency" means a board, commission, department, officer,*

33 *or other authority of the government of the State of Arkansas.*

34 *(B) "Agency" does not include the General Assembly, the*

35 *courts, and Governor; and*

36 *(2) "Tuition savings program" means an account as defined under*



1 § 6-84-103(1).

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3 21-5-1302. Participation in tuition savings program.

4 (a) When a state employee begins his or her employment with an agency,  
5 the agency shall notify the state employee that:

6 (1) The tuition savings program is available; and

7 (2) The employee may have a regular distribution made to the  
8 tuition savings program from his or her salary before the state employee  
9 receives his or her payroll deposit or pay check.

10 (b)(1) Upon request of the state employee, the agency charged with the  
11 duty to distribute the state employee's salary may withhold, by agreement  
12 with the state employee, an amount of money from the state employee's salary  
13 each payday for deposit into the employee's tuition savings program.

14 (2) The amount withheld from the state employee's salary shall  
15 be designated by the state employee.

16 (3) The agency that enters an agreement under this subsection  
17 shall deposit the money withheld from the state employee's salary into the  
18 state employee's tuition savings program at the time the state employee's  
19 salary is distributed to the state employee.

20 (c) An agency that is charged with the duty to distribute the state  
21 employee's salary shall adopt formal policies and guidelines in furtherance  
22 of this subchapter.

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24 SECTION 2. This act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2016.

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26 /s/Sabin

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29 **APPROVED: 04/08/2015**