

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

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1 State of Arkansas  
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1703

5 By: Representative Shelby  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND ANY  
10 WILLING PROVIDER LAWS; TO REQUIRE THE STATE  
11 EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL SELF-FUNDED  
12 HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO COMPLY WITH ARKANSAS'S  
13 PATIENT PROTECTION AND ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS;  
14 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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16 **Subtitle**

17 TO CLARIFY THE PATIENT PROTECTION AND  
18 ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS; TO REQUIRE  
19 THE STATE EMPLOYEE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL  
20 PERSONNEL HEALTH BENEFIT PLANS TO COMPLY  
21 WITH ARKANSAS'S PATIENT PROTECTION AND  
22 ANY WILLING PROVIDER LAWS.  
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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 23-99-801, concerning the entities required  
28 to comply with the state's any willing provider laws, is amended to add an  
29 additional subsection to read as follows:

30 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (d) of this section,  
31 the Patient Protection Act of 1995, § 23-99-201 et seq., and this subchapter,  
32 apply to a health benefit plan provided by the State of Arkansas to state  
33 employees and public school personnel under § 21-5-401 et seq., whether self-  
34 funded or insured.  
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*/s/ Shel*

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