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A Bill

SENATE BILL 949

5 By: Senator E. Cheatham
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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR
9 STATE EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; TO
10 REGULATE THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH
11 INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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17 EMPLOYEES; AND TO REGULATE THE STATE AND
18 PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE
19 PROGRAM.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-404(1)(C), concerning powers,*
25 *functions, and duties of the State and Public School Life and Health*
26 *Insurance Board, is amended to read as follows:*

27 *(C) The board shall ~~require a participant~~ recommend that*
28 *an active employee in a consumer-driven health insurance plan option offered*
29 *under the program ~~to~~ establish a health savings account if the active*
30 *employee is eligible to establish a health savings account under federal law;*
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32 *SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405(b)(8), concerning the duties of*
33 *the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to*
34 *read as follows:*

35 *(8) Beginning in the ~~2014~~ 2015 plan year, implement a policy*
36 *applicable to a participating entity to identify funds that are not required*



1 to be paid for federal taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act,
2 26 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., generated from health insurance pretaxed premiums
3 only, and use the identified funds for premium assistance.

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5 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 21-5-406(c)(2), concerning the use of funds
6 by the Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Division of the Department
7 of Finance and Administration, is amended to read as follows:

8 (2) ~~Premiums~~ Funds collected from employers, participating
9 employees, ~~and~~ retirees, and any other sources for the program, including
10 plan options offered under the program, ~~shall be collected one (1) month in~~
11 ~~advance and~~ shall be used solely to pay medical claims, drug claims,
12 premiums, benefits, and direct administrative expenses of the program.

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14 /s/E. Cheatham

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