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A Bill

SENATE BILL 821

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR
9 STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; TO MODIFY THE
10 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE
11 STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE
12 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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16 TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS
17 FOR STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-404(1)(C), concerning powers,
23 functions, and duties of the State and Public School Life and Health
24 Insurance Board, is amended to read as follows:

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

33 (8) Beginning in the ~~2014~~ 2015 plan year, implement a policy
34 applicable to a participating entity to identify funds that are not required
35 to be paid for federal taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act,
36 26 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., and use the identified funds for premium



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

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

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 21-5-407, concerning definitions under the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(19) "Active employee" means an eligible individual currently employed by a participating entity or participating institution.

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