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A Bill

SENATE BILL 535

For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INCREASE THE
9 SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION TO EMPLOYEE HEALTH
10 INSURANCE BY THE SAME AMOUNT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
11 INCREASES AN EMPLOYEE'S SALARY; AND FOR OTHER
12 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO REQUIRE A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO INCREASE
16 THE SCHOOL DISTRICT CONTRIBUTION TO
17 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE BY THE SAME
18 AMOUNT THE SCHOOL DISTRICT INCREASES AN
19 EMPLOYEE'S SALARY.
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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 § 6-17-1117(a)(2), concerning health
26 insurance, is amended to read as follows:

27 (2) The minimum contribution rate under ~~this subsection (a)~~
28 subdivision (a)(1) of this section shall increase annually by the same
29 percentage that the legislature increases the ~~salary and benefit component of~~
30 ~~the~~ per-student foundation funding amount under § 6-20-2305.

31 (3)(A) Unless exempt under subdivision (a)(5) of this section,
32 the local contribution rate of a school district shall also increase by the
33 same percentage that a school district increases the base salary for licensed
34 personnel under the licensed salary schedule adopted by the school district.

35 (B) As used in this section, "local contribution rate"
36 means the contribution amount a school district provides for health insurance



1 above the minimum contribution rate required under subdivision (a)(1) of this
2 section.

3 (4) A change to the local contribution rate under subdivision
4 (a)(3) of this section is effective for the plan year after the change to the
5 licensed salary schedule is adopted by a school district.

6 (5) A school district is not required to increase the local
7 contribution as directed under subdivision (a)(3) of this section if the
8 school district:

9 (A) Is required to raise the base salary of licensed
10 personnel due to an increase in the minimum teacher compensation schedule
11 under § 6-17-2403;

12 (B) Has a participation rate of seventy-five percent (75%)
13 or more of all eligible personnel participating in the public school
14 employees' health insurance program; or

15 (C) Has a local contribution rate of one hundred twenty-
16 five percent (125%) or more of the minimum contribution rate required under
17 subsection (a) of this section.

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