

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
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**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of Senate Bill No. 949**

TO MODIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND TO REGULATE THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

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**Amendment No. 1 to Senate Bill No. 949**

Amend Senate Bill No. 949 as originally introduced:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-404(1)(C), concerning powers, functions, and duties of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to read as follows:

(C) The board shall ~~require a participant~~ recommend that an active employee in a consumer-driven health insurance plan option offered under the program ~~to~~ establish a health savings account if the active employee is eligible to establish a health savings account under federal law;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405(b)(8), concerning the duties of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to read as follows:

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

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."



The Amendment was read the first time, rules suspended and read the second time and \_\_\_\_\_

By: Senator E. Cheatham

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Secretary