

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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A Bill

SENATE BILL 570

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5 By: Senator Broadway
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION IN
10 THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE
11 PROGRAM TO PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; AND
12 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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14 AN ACT TO EXTEND ELIGIBILITY FOR
15 PARTICIPATION IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
16 EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM TO
17 PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1111 is amended to read as follows:
24 6-17-1111. Life and disability insurance - Employee eligibility -
25 Allocation of costs.

26 Eligible employees shall include:

27 (1) All certified employees in public schools who are normally
28 expected to work nine hundred (900) hours or more per year, whose salaries
29 are paid from the district's teacher salary fund, and all other employees of
30 public schools who are normally expected to work nine hundred (900) hours or
31 more per year and whose salaries are paid from the district's local or state
32 revenue;

33 (2)(A) All other employees of the district whose salaries are not paid
34 from the district's local or state revenues, provided these employees are
35 certified or they are normally expected to work nine hundred (900) hours or
36 more per year.



1 (B) The employing district is required to pay the same
 2 amount per month for these employees as the General Assembly appropriates for
 3 employees in subdivision (1) above.

4 (C) The committee is authorized to establish the manner in
 5 which this payment is to be made, provided such manner of payment shall not
 6 be in violation of any other law, rule, or regulation governing the school
 7 district.

8 (3) In the event that an employee shall draw part of his salary
 9 from the district's local or state revenue and part of his salary from
 10 another fund administered by the district, the employer's share of the cost
 11 of his insurance shall be prorated between the provisions of subdivisions (1)
 12 and (2) of this section.

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 14 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1116, concerning the participation of
 15 school bus drivers in the public school employees' health insurance program,
 16 is amended to read as follows:

17 6-17-1116. ~~School bus drivers.~~ Certain employees.

18 (a) A person is a full-time public school employee for ~~For~~ the
 19 purposes of this section, ~~a full-time school bus driver is~~ if he or she is:

20 (1) A person who contracts with a public school district to
 21 ~~operate a school bus for~~ work at least seven hundred twenty (720) hours but
 22 not more than nine hundred (900) hours during the school year;

23 (2) A person who works less than nine hundred (900) hours and
 24 whose primary source of income during the school year is obtained by
 25 ~~operating a school bus~~ working for a public school district; or

26 (3) A person who contracts with a public school district to
 27 ~~operate a school bus~~ work less than nine hundred ninety (990) hours per
 28 school year and is designated by the superintendent as a full-time ~~school bus~~
 29 ~~driver~~ employee for purposes of this section, regardless of the number of
 30 hours for which the person contracted.

31 (b) All full-time ~~school bus drivers~~ public school employees who meet
 32 the requirements of subsection (a) of this section and who are not under
 33 current law eligible to participate in the public school ~~employees~~ employees'
 34 insurance program provided for by §§ 6-17-1109 and 6-17-1111 - 6-17-1115
 35 ~~shall hereafter be~~ are eligible to participate in the program provided that
 36 they pay all costs associated with participating in the program unless the

1 employing school district opts to pay all or a portion of that cost.

2 (c) School districts are exempted from the provisions of § 6-17-1117
3 for employees electing to participate in the public school employees'
4 insurance program under this section.

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