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A Bill

SENATE BILL 804

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For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN RETIRED
9 STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES FOR HEALTH
10 INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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13 CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN
14 RETIRED STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
15 FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-411(a)(1), concerning the eligibility
22 of certain retired employees for health insurance coverage, is amended to
23 read as follows:

24 (a)(1) ~~State~~ Except as limited under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(v) of this
25 section, state and public school employees ~~shall be allowed to~~ may continue
26 coverage and, if qualified, ~~to~~ may participate in the group health insurance
27 program instituted ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ under this subchapter and
28 other laws enacted to implement the program who are:

29 (A) Participating members of:

30 (i) The Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement
31 System, including the members of the legislative division and the contract
32 personnel of the Arkansas National Guard;

33 (ii) The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System;

34 (iii) The Arkansas State Highway Employees'
35 Retirement System;

36 (iv) The Arkansas Judicial Retirement System; or



1 (v) An alternate retirement plan of a qualifying
2 institution under § 24-7-801, if the governing body of the qualifying
3 institution elects to allow employees to continue coverage and participate in
4 the group health insurance program instituted under this subchapter and other
5 laws enacted to implement the program; and

6 (B) Retired and drawing benefits under the systems.
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8 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-411(a)(3)(A), concerning the
9 eligibility of certain retired employees for health insurance coverage, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (3)(A) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in~~
12 ~~this section~~ Subject to the limitation stated in subdivision (a)(1)(A)(v) of
13 this section, an employee with ten (10) or more years of creditable service
14 under the terms of a retirement plan listed in this section ~~shall qualify~~
15 qualifies for continuation of health insurance coverage offered by the board
16 if that employee is separated from employment because of the expiration of a
17 fixed period of employment.

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