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8 AN ACT TO MODIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT OPTIONS
9 AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE RETIREES; AND FOR
10 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

12 TO MODIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT
13 OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO PUBLIC SCHOOL
14 EMPLOYEE RETIREES.
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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 § 21-5-404(4), concerning duties of the State
22 and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to read as
23 follows:

24 (4)(A) To undertake studies and to take any appropriate action
25 that the board determines will promote the financial soundness and overall
26 well-being of the program.

27 (B) The board is authorized to adopt separate actuarial
28 standards and procedures for public school employee retirees to promote
29 financial soundness;
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405(a), concerning duties of the State
32 and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to read as
33 follows:

34 (a)(1) The State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board and
35 the Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of
36 Finance and Administration shall take a risk management approach in designing

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1 the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

2 (2) The board shall ensure that the program, including all plan
3 options offered under the program, is maintained on an actuarially sound
4 basis as determined by actuarial standards established by the board.

5 (3) The board is authorized to adopt separate actuarial
6 standards and procedures for public school employee retirees.

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9 AND HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD TO SUSPEND HEALTH
10 INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO
11 PROMOTE FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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14 TO AUTHORIZE THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL
15 LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD TO
16 SUSPEND HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR
17 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES TO PROMOTE
18 FINANCIAL SOUNDNESS.
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-406(e)(3)(A), concerning the duties of
25 the Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of
26 Finance and Administration in the implementation of benefit programs, is
27 amended to read as follows:

28 (3)(A)(i) The Executive Director of the Employee Benefits
29 Division of the Department of Finance and Administration has the authority to
30 supervise the implementation and day-to-day management of the program and
31 other employee benefits, plans, and individual and group policies made
32 available to participants, if applicable.

33 (ii) The Executive Director of the Employee Benefits
34 Division of the Department of Finance and Administration has the authority to
35 discontinue or suspend a health insurance program or other employee benefit
36 program to promote the financial soundness and overall well-being of the

1 State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

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10 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; TO CLARIFY THE DUTIES AND
11 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE
12 AND HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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17 SUSTAINABLE SYSTEM OF HEALTH INSURANCE
18 BENEFITS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND
19 TO CLARIFY THE DUTIES AND
20 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATE AND PUBLIC
21 SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE BOARD.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405(b), concerning duties of the State
27 and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to add an
28 additional subdivision to read as follows:

29 (7) Develop a process to determine whether or not to
30 exclude a spouse of a public school employee from the program if the spouse
31 has healthcare coverage offered through a separate employer.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405(b), concerning duties of the State
27 and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to add an
28 additional subdivision to read as follows:

29 (7) Develop a uniform procedure to verify:

30 (A) That a dependent of a public school employee is
31 eligible for continued coverage under the program; and

32 (B) That the existence of separate healthcare
33 coverage is available to a spouse of a public school employee that would
34 exclude the spouse from participation in the program.
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14 FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE AND PUBLIC
15 SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
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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 § 21-5-410(c), concerning the number of hours
22 of employment required to participate in the State and Public School Life and
23 Health Insurance Program, is amended to read as follows:

24 (c) A state employee is one whose actual performance of duty requires
25 ~~one thousand (1,000) or more~~ on average at least thirty (30) working hours
26 ~~per year~~ week.
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