

**ARKANSAS SENATE**  
83rd General Assembly - Regular Session, 2001  
**Amendment Form**

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**Subtitle of House Bill No. 2561**

"AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN RETIRED EMPLOYEES OF  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO CONTINUE COVERAGE IN THE GROUP  
HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM."

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**Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 2561.**

Amend House Bill No. 2561 as engrossed, H3/19/01:

Page 2, insert a new section immediately following Section 2 to read as follows:

"SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly that a person retiring from certain institutions of higher education during 2001 will experience uncertainty regarding their eligibility for group health insurance coverage; that providing immediate eligibility for health insurance benefits to those retirees is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall become effective on the date of its approval by the Governor. If the bill is neither approved nor vetoed by the Governor, it shall become effective on the expiration of the period of time during which the Governor may veto the bill. If the bill is vetoed by the Governor and the veto is overridden, it shall become effective on the date the last house overrides the veto."

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

By: Senator Wilkins  
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Secretary