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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1201

"AN ACT TO EQUALIZE RETIREE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM COSTS
AND TO PERMIT STATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE
PREMIUM COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT
SYSTEM WHO ARE NOT STATE EMPLOYEES."

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill No. 1201.

Amend House Bill No. 1201 as originally introduced:

Add Representatives Stewart, Blount, T. Bradford, Breedlove, Burris, Cash, Cheatham, Cook, Cornwell, L. Cowling, D. Creekmore, Dunn, George, Glidewell, R. Green, Greenburg, Hawkins, Hoyt, D. Hutchinson, J. Johnson, Key, King, Maxwell, Overbey, Pierce, Powers, S. Prater, Ragland, J. Roebuck, Rosenbaum, Shelby, L. Smith, Wells, Wood, and Woods as cosponsors of the bill

AND

Page 2, delete line 1 and substitute the following:

"the group insurance program ~~instituted~~ administered by the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration pursuant to the provisions of this"

AND

Page 2, delete lines 5 through 19 and substitute the following:

"(b)(1) In addition, upon the death of an active member ~~or a retired member~~ of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, the survivors of such member who are eligible for or are receiving an annuity under the system and who were covered on the active member's health insurance policy at the time of death shall have the option of continuing to be a member of such insurance group at the prevailing rates established for members of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, upon application for such coverage.

(2) Upon the death of a retired member of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, a survivor of a member who was receiving an annuity under the system and who was covered on the member's health insurance policy at the time of the member's death shall have the option of continuing to be a member of the insurance group at the prevailing rates established for the members of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System upon application for the coverage.



~~(c)(1) However, persons~~ A person drawing retirement benefits under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System who ~~wish~~ elects to participate or continue to participate in the group insurance program provided ~~for herein~~ by the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration shall pay the ~~full amount~~ retiree portion of the premium or cost of the policy, ~~and such~~

(2) The retiree portion of the premium or cost shall be deducted from the retirement benefit checks check of such participants the participant."

AND

Page 2, delete lines 24 through 32 and substitute the following:

"(e)(1) The state may make a monthly contribution on behalf of the members who participate in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System group insurance program provided by the Employee Benefits Division of the Management Services Division of the Department of Finance and Administration multiplied by the amount necessary to meet the requirement of subsection (d) of this section.

(2) The state contribution amount shall not exceed the state contribution amount permitted by law for state contributions for members and retirees of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the benefit of state employees as provided in § 21-5-414."

The Amendment was read _____
By: Representative Harrelson
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