Hall of the House of Representatives

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Amendment Form

Subtitle of House Bill No. 1160

TO REGULATE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF PUBLIC OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES; AND TO CLARIFY SUPERVISION OF VOLUNTARY PRODUCTS UNDER THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

Amendment No. 1 to House Bill 1160

Amend House Bill No. 1160 as originally introduced:

Page 1, delete line 29, and substitute the following:

"SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1115 is amended to read as follows: 6-17-1115. Group insurance Insurance for independent school districts.

- (a) The employees of an independent school district may be insured under a <u>an individual or</u> group insurance policy issued to and procured by an independent school district to insure the employees of an independent school district for the benefit of the employees of an independent school district subject to the following requirements:
- (1) The employees eligible for insurance under the group insurance policy shall all be employees of the school district or all of any class determined by conditions pertaining to their employment; and
- (2) The premium for the policy shall be paid by the policyholder from funds contributed wholly by the insured employees, except that:
- (A) The employer may deduct from the employees' salaries the required contributions for the premiums when authorized in writing by the respective employees to do so; and
- (B) The premium for the policy may be paid for the policyholder wholly or partly from funds of the school district.
- (b) As used in this section, "group insurance" "insurance" shall be individual life insurance contracts or policies or group life insurance as described by § 23-83-101 et seq., § 23-86-101, and individual or group contracts or policies that provide disability income insurance, specified disease insurance, hospital indemnity insurance, long-term care insurance, or accident-only insurance to employees of groups described under § 23-86-106.
- SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405, concerning additional duties of the State Board of Finance, is amended to add an additional subsection to read as follows:
- (d) A broker of voluntary products shall provide the board with an annual report of voluntary products to be offered to state employees during

open enrollment."
SECTION 3. Arkansas Code $\S 21-5-406(e)(3)$, concerning the authority of
AND
Page 1, line 35, delete "products." and substitute "products or insurance procured under § 6-17-1115."
AND
Page 2, line 17, delete "participants." and substitute "participants or insurance procured under § 6-17-1115."
AND
Page 2, delete lines 23 and 24
AND
Page 3, line 18, delete "benefits provided" and substitute "benefits procured under § 6-17-1115 or provided"
AND
Page 3, line 35, delete " <u>eligible employees</u> " and substitute " <u>eligible state employees</u> "
AND
Appropriately renumber the sections of the bill