

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1164

By: Representative S. Miller

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF FORMER EMPLOYEES OF COUNTY OR LOCAL HEALTH OFFICES UNDER THE SUPERVISORY CONTROL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WHO LATER BECOME EMPLOYEES OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Any employee of the Arkansas Department of Health who was an employee of a county health department or locally funded health office at any time between January 1, 1973, and December 1, 1988, and who was directly supervised by the Arkansas Department of Health during that period of time shall be deemed a State employee for the purpose of leave accrual under the Uniform Attendance and Leave Policy Act, Arkansas Code §§21-4-201 et seq. Such employees shall then be able to earn leave at the rates effective for State employees with similar lengths of service and to accumulate leave up to the maximums permitted by the law.

SECTION 2. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh Arkansas General Assembly that employees of county or locally funded health offices often work with and under the supervision of State Department of Health employees; that these employees later become employees of the State Department of Health; and that therefore these employees should enjoy the same benefits as employees of the Arkansas Department of Health. In order to alleviate this discrepancy in fringe benefits, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of a general and permanent nature

are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.