

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1285

By: Representative Tullis

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO PROVIDE THAT DRUG ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL EMPLOYED BY PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS MAY, AT THE PROSECUTOR'S OPTION, PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM, WORKERS' COMPENSATION, AND THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. At the option of the prosecuting attorneys, persons employed by them for drug enforcement purposes may participate in the State Employees Insurance Program, Workers' Compensation coverage, and membership in the Public Employees Retirement System. If a prosecuting attorney elects to authorize his drug enforcement employees to participate in the above described programs and he pays their salaries, he shall pay the employer's contributions from funds available for their salaries. If the drug enforcement employees are paid by someone other than the prosecuting attorney, the employing entity shall pay the employer's contributions.

SECTION 2. 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.

SECTION 3. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the General Assembly that confusion exists regarding whether drug enforcement personnel employed by prosecuting attorneys may be covered by Workers' Compensation, the State Employees Insurance Program, and the Public Employees Retirement

System; that this Act specifies that those persons may be covered at the option of the prosecuting attorneys; that until this Act becomes effective confusion will prevail; and that therefore this Act should be given immediate effect. Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.