

State of Arkansas

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A Bill

HOUSE BILL

1906

By: Representative D. Roberts

For An Act To Be Entitled

"AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE AGENCIES TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTIONS TO STATE EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM WHEN AN EMPLOYEE IS ON LEAVE WITHOUT PAY AND RECEIVING WORKERS' COMPENSATION PAYMENTS AS A RESULT OF A WORK RELATED INJURY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, a State agency may remit the employer's contribution to a health insurance program for State employees when the employee is in a leave without pay status provided the employee is in a leave without pay status because of a work related injury and is receiving benefits from Workers' Compensation.

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. Emergency. It is hereby found and determined by the Seventy-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the current prohibition against an agency continuing contributions to health insurance programs for employees who are leave with pay because of a work related injury is creating a severe financial hardship for employees who have been injured on the job. Therefore, in order to address this serious problem, 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.