

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas  
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3 Regular Session, 2001  
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As Engrossed: H3/27/01 H3/30/01

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2465

5 By: Representative Thomas  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCHOOL  
10 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE; AND FOR OTHER  
11 PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO REQUIRE CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
15 SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE.  
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18 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code 6-17-1117 is amended to read as follows:  
21 6-17-1117. Health insurance.

22 (a) ~~Local~~ Beginning on July 1, 2001, local school districts shall pay  
23 the health insurance contribution rate established by the State Board of  
24 Education of one hundred fourteen dollars (\$114) per month, for each eligible  
25 employee electing to participate in the public school employee health  
26 insurance program.

27 (b) Beginning on October 1, 2003, local school districts shall pay the  
28 health insurance contribution rate of one hundred twenty-two dollars (\$122)  
29 per month, for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public  
30 school employee health insurance program.

31 (c) Beginning on October 1, 2004, local school districts shall pay the  
32 health insurance contribution rate of one hundred thirty-one dollars (\$131)  
33 per month, for each eligible employee electing to participate in the public  
34 school employee health insurance program.  
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36 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the

1 General Assembly that the state of Arkansas is experiencing a critical  
2 shortage of teachers; that the critical shortage is caused in part by non-  
3 competitive salaries and benefits for teachers in Arkansas; and that the  
4 state is facing a pressing need to improve benefits for teachers prior to the  
5 beginning of the 2001-2002 school year. Therefore, an emergency is declared  
6 to exist and this act being immediately necessary for the preservation of the  
7 public peace, health and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2001.

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