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5   By: Senators Hill, Faris

6   By: *Representative Teague*

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9   **For An Act To Be Entitled**

10   AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS DRIVER ELIGIBILITY

11   TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES

12   INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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14   **Subtitle**

15   AN ACT CONCERNING SCHOOL BUS DRIVER

16   ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC

17   SCHOOL EMPLOYEES INSURANCE PROGRAM.

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

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22   SECTION 1.   Arkansas Code 6-17-1116 is amended to read as follows:

23   6-17-1116.   School bus drivers.

24   (a)   For the purposes of this section, a full-time school bus driver

25   is:

26   (1)   a̶ A person who contracts with a public school district to

27   operate a school bus for at least seven hundred twenty (720) hours during the

28   school year.; or

29   (2)   A person who contracts with a public school district to

30   operate a school bus and is designated by the superintendent as a full-time

31   school bus driver, regardless of the number of hours for which the person

32   contracted.

33   (b)   All full-time school bus drivers who are not under current law

34   eligible to participate in the Public School Employees Insurance Program

35   provided for by §§ 6-17-1109, 6-17-1110 [repealed], and 6-17-1111 - 6-17-1115

36   shall hereafter be eligible to participate in the program provided that they

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1   pay all costs associated with participating in the program unless the

2   employing school district opts to pay all or a portion of that cost.

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