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            | A D'11                                   |                        |            |
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| 2  | 84th General Assembly        | A Bill                                   |                        |            |
| 3  | Regular Session, 2003        |  | SENATE BILL            | 946        |
| 4  |                              |  |                        |            |
| 5  | By: Senator G. Jeffress      |  |                        |            |
| 6  |                              |  |                        |            |
| 7  |                              |  |                        |            |
| 8  | For An Act To Be Entitled    |  |                        |            |
| 9  | AN ACT                       | TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DSITRICTS TO SEEK    |                        |            |
| 10 | PROPOS                       | ALS FROM HEALTH INSURERS OR HEALTH       |                        |            |
| 11 | MAINTE                       | NANCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE HEALTH CARE  |                        |            |
| 12 | COVERA                       | GE OF THE DISTRICT'S EMPLOYEES; AND FOR  |                        |            |
| 13 | OTHER                        | PURPOSES.                                |                        |            |
| 14 |                              |  |                        |            |
| 15 |                              | Subtitle                                 |                        |            |
| 16 | TO .                         | ALLOW SCHOOL DSITRICTS TO SEEK           |                        |            |
| 17 | PRO                          | POSALS FROM HEALTH INSURERS OR HEALTH    |                        |            |
| 18 | MAI                          | NTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE HEALTH    |                        |            |
| 19 | CAR                          | E COVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S             |                        |            |
| 20 | EMP                          | LOYEES.                                  |                        |            |
| 21 |                              |  |                        |            |
| 22 |                              |  |                        |            |
| 23 | BE IT ENACTED BY THE         | GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANS  | 3AS:                   |            |
| 24 |                              |  |                        |            |
| 25 | SECTION 1. <u>(a)</u>        | ) Notwithstanding any provision of law   | under Arkansas         |            |
| 26 | <u>Code §§ 21-5-401 thro</u> | ough 21-5-417 to the contrary, an Arkans | <u>sas school</u>      |            |
| 27 | <u>district is authorize</u> | ed to solicit proposals from any health  | insurer or hea         | <u>lth</u> |
| 28 | <u>maintenance organizat</u> | tion to provide school district employee | es and dependen        | ts         |
| 29 | with health insurance        | e coverage or with health care benefits  | that are               |            |
| 30 | independent of the g         | roup coverage offered by the state.      |                        |            |
| 31 | (b) If a schoo               | ol district enters into an agreement wit | <u>ch a health</u>     |            |
| 32 | insurer or health mat        | intenance organization, the school dist  | <u>cict is entitle</u> | <u>d</u>   |
| 33 | to receive payments f        | from the Group Insurance Trust Fund for  | its employees          | and        |
| 34 | <u>dependents in an equi</u> | ivalent amount provided to other similar | <u>c school distri</u> | <u>cts</u> |
| 35 | as an offset to the o        | cost of the premiums to the health insur | <u>rer or health</u>   |            |
| 36 | <u>maintenance organizat</u> | tion.                                    |                        |            |

