

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  
2 85th General Assembly  
3 Regular Session, 2005

# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1026

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

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9 AN ACT TO PERMIT EMPLOYEES OF NATIONAL PARK  
10 COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN THE COLLEGE  
11 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND THE STATE EMPLOYEES  
12 HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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15 AN ACT TO PERMIT EMPLOYEES OF NATIONAL  
16 PARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN  
17 THE COLLEGE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN AND  
18 THE STATE EMPLOYEES HEALTH INSURANCE  
19 PLAN.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 58, Subchapter 1 is amended  
25 to add a new section to read as follows:

26 6-58-113. Employee health insurance plan.

27 (a) The Board of Trustees of National Park Community College may  
28 determine each year whether to offer employees of National Park Community  
29 College more than one (1) health insurance plan from which to choose.

30 (b) If more than one (1) health insurance plan is authorized by the  
31 Board of Trustees of National Park Community College, a permanent employee of  
32 National Park Community College may annually elect to enroll in:

33 (1) The National Park Community College Health Insurance Plan,  
34 if a plan is adopted by the Board of Trustees of National Park Community  
35 College; or

36 (2) The health insurance plan adopted by the State and Public



1 School Life and Health Insurance Board for state employees, if the Board of  
2 Trustees of National Park Community College authorizes National Park  
3 Community College employees to participate in the plan subject to the  
4 conditions and rates established by the State and Public School Life and  
5 Health Insurance Board.

6 (c) The election under subsection (b) of this section must be made:

7 (1) At the time of initial employment by National Park Community  
8 College; or

9 (2) During the applicable annual open enrollment period for the  
10 health insurance plan.

11 (d) An election under subsection (b) of this section is effective for  
12 the health insurance plan year and may not be altered until the following  
13 annual open enrollment period for the health insurance plan.

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16 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
17 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the cost of health care  
18 insurance is increasing annually; that the Board of Trustees of National Park  
19 Community College is desirous of containing employee and employer health  
20 insurance premiums; that by having the ability to offer more than one (1)  
21 health insurance plan to employees, the board will be able to more efficiency  
22 utilize college resources; and that this act is immediately necessary in  
23 order to enable the board to implement the health insurance plans.  
24 Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist and this act being necessary for  
25 the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become  
26 effective on July 1, 2005.