

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.

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A Bill

SENATE BILL 121

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SEEK
10 PROPOSALS FROM HEALTH INSURERS OR HEALTH
11 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE HEALTH CARE
12 COVERAGE OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES; AND FOR OTHER
13 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO ALLOW SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO SEEK
17 PROPOSALS FROM HEALTH INSURERS OR HEALTH
18 MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE HEALTH
19 CARE COVERAGE OF DISTRICT EMPLOYEES.

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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 17, Subchapter 11 is amended
25 to add an additional section to read as follows:

26 6-17-1119. Authority to purchase health insurance for employees.

27 (a) Notwithstanding any provision of §§ 21-5-401 through 21-5-417 to
28 the contrary, an Arkansas school district is authorized to solicit proposals
29 from any health insurer or health maintenance organization to provide school
30 district employees and dependents of the employees with health insurance
31 coverage or with health care benefits that are independent of the group
32 coverage offered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance
33 Board.

34 (b) If a school district enters into an agreement with a health
35 insurer or health maintenance organization, the school district is entitled
36 to receive payments from the state for its employees and dependents of the



1 employees in an equivalent amount provided to other similar school districts
2 as an offset to the cost of the premiums to the health insurer or health
3 maintenance organization.

4 (c) The school districts shall pay an amount no less than the health
5 insurance contribution rate under § 6-17-1117 for each eligible employee
6 electing to participate with the school district’s health insurer or health
7 maintenance organization under this section as if the employee was
8 participating in the public school employee health insurance program.

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10 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-406(e), concerning the State and
11 Public School Life and Health Insurance program, is amended to read as
12 follows:

13 (e) The Arkansas State Police Employee Health Plan and any public
14 school district purchasing health insurance for its employees under § 6-17-
15 1119 shall be exempt from any mandatory participation required by this
16 section.

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