

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, 2005  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 950

5 By: Senators J. Jeffress, Argue  
6 By: Representative Sumpter  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

10 THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE ACT OF 2005;  
11 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

14 THE SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE ACT  
15 OF 2005.  
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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) ~~Beginning on July 1, 2001, local~~ Local school districts shall pay  
23 the health insurance contribution rate of ~~one hundred fourteen dollars (\$114)~~  
24 one hundred forty-one dollars (\$141) per month for each eligible employee  
25 electing to participate in the public school employee health insurance  
26 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.~~

35 (b)(1) The Department of Education shall pay the Employee Benefits  
36 Division of the Department of Finance and Administration sixty-one dollars



1 (\$61) per month for each eligible employee of a public school district  
2 electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance  
3 program administered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance  
4 Board.

5 (2) The funds provided to the Employee Benefits Division of the  
6 Department of Finance and Administration under this subsection (b) shall be  
7 administered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board  
8 for the benefit of the employee participants of the public school employees'  
9 health insurance program.

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11 SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the  
12 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the cost of insurance coverage  
13 can be an impediment to teachers pursuing a career in the public school  
14 system; that school districts more easily recruit and maintain quality  
15 teachers if health insurance benefits are improved; and that this act will  
16 provide such necessary improvements to current benefits coinciding with the  
17 beginning of the fiscal year and school year. Therefore, an emergency is  
18 declared to exist and this act being necessary for the preservation of the  
19 public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2005.

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