

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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As Engrossed: H2/9/07  
**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1361

5 By: Representative Wagner  
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8 **For An Act To Be Entitled**

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EQUAL HEALTH INSURANCE  
10 BENEFITS AMONG CERTIFIED EMPLOYEES OF A PUBLIC  
11 SCHOOL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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13 **Subtitle**

14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR EQUAL HEALTH  
15 INSURANCE BENEFITS AMONG CERTIFIED  
16 EMPLOYEES OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT.  
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1117(c), concerning health insurance  
22 benefits for public school employees, is amended to read as follows:

23 (c)(1) A school district shall:

24 (A) Provide the same employer-provided health insurance  
25 benefits for all full-time *school district* employees; and

26 (B) Pay the same employer contribution rate for each  
27 *eligible employee* electing to participate in the public school employees'  
28 health insurance program.

29 (2) If a school district entered into a contract with a  
30 superintendent, teacher, or other personnel prior to April 11, 2006, and the  
31 contract provides for a higher employer contribution rate than is paid for a  
32 majority of the certified personnel in the district, then the district may  
33 continue to pay the higher contribution rate as provided under the existing  
34 contract but not under extensions, addendums, or new contracts created after  
35 April 11, 2006, without increasing all *other employees* to the same rate.

36 (3) If a school district entered into contracts with classified



1 personnel prior to the beginning of the 2007-2008 school year and the  
2 contracts provided for a higher employer contribution rate than is paid for  
3 certified personnel in the school district, the school district shall freeze  
4 the employer contribution rate until such time as the amount contributed for  
5 certified personnel equals or exceeds that rate.

6 /s/ Wagner

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