

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

HOUSE BILL 1535

5 By: Representative Bond
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO REORGANIZE THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
10 SECONDARY SCHOOL INSURANCE FUND AND THE SCHOOL
11 VEHICLE INSURANCE RESERVE TRUST FUND INTO ONE (1)
12 FUND; TO PROVIDE GREATER FINANCIAL STABILITY AND
13 FLEXIBILITY TO THE FUNDS; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO REORGANIZE THE PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND
16 SECONDARY SCHOOL INSURANCE FUND AND THE
17 SCHOOL VEHICLE INSURANCE RESERVE TRUST
18 FUND INTO ONE (1) FUND AND TO PROVIDE
19 GREATER FINANCIAL STABILITY AND
20 FLEXIBILITY TO THE FUNDS.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1503(2), concerning the powers and
27 duties of the State Insurance Department, is amended to read as follows:

28 (2) Administer the Public ~~Elementary and Secondary~~ School
29 Insurance Trust Fund;
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31 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1508(a), concerning appraisal and
32 payment of losses, is amended to read as follows:

33 (a) In the event of loss of school district, education cooperative, or
34 open-enrollment charter school property under the Public Elementary and
35 Secondary School Insurance Program, the Public ~~Elementary and Secondary~~
36 School Insurance Trust Fund shall pay the loss as specified in the contract.



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SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1509 is amended to read as follows:
6-20-1509. Effect of federal assistance.

Any school district, education cooperative, or open-enrollment charter school which may receive financial assistance from the federal government as a result of federal legislation pertaining to disasters shall not be adversely affected as a result of any moneys due from the Public ~~Elementary and Secondary~~ School Insurance Trust Fund because of coverage by the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Program.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-20-1510 is repealed.

~~6-20-1510. Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund. There shall be established on the books of the Treasurer of State a fund to be known and designated as the "Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund".~~

SECTION 5. Arkansas Code § 6-21-709(a)(1), concerning payment of claims, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) The ~~School Vehicle Insurance Reserve Trust Fund~~ Public School Insurance Trust Fund shall pay all losses and claims the insured is legally obligated to pay as specified in the contract.

SECTION 6. Arkansas Code § 6-21-710 is amended to read as follows:

6-21-710. Public School ~~Vehicle~~ Insurance Reserve Trust Fund - Investments.

~~(a)(1) There is hereby established on the books of the Treasurer of State a separate fund to be known as the "School Vehicle Insurance Reserve Trust Fund", to be funded initially by a loan of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund as established by the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Act, § 6-20-1501 et seq.~~

~~(2) No money shall be appropriated from this fund for any purpose except for the use and benefit of participating governmental entities for school motor vehicle claims, program expenses, and for the Public School Motor Vehicle Insurance Program expenses.~~

~~(3)(a)~~ All funds received by the State Insurance Department as

1 premiums, adjustments, earnings, and the like, as provided in this
2 subchapter, shall be deposited into the Public School Insurance Trust Fund
3 and used for the following purposes, listed in a descending order of
4 priority:

- 5 ~~(A)(1)~~ To defray administrative costs;
- 6 ~~(B)(2)~~ To pay claims; and
- 7 ~~(C)(3)~~ To maintain the ~~reserve trust fund; and~~
- 8 ~~(D)~~ To pay back the initial loan Public School Insurance
9 Trust Fund.

10 (b)(1) The department is authorized to invest funds of the ~~program~~
11 Public School Motor Vehicle Insurance Program.

12 (2) Funds of the program may be invested and reinvested as the
13 Insurance Commissioner may determine.

14 (3) Moneys invested and interest earned thereon shall be
15 administered as program funds.

16 (4) All moneys deposited to the fund shall not be subject to any
17 deduction, tax, levy or any other type of assessment.

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19 SECTION 7. Arkansas Code § 6-21-711(g), concerning the Public
20 Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Program and Public School Motor
21 Vehicle Insurance Program Advisory Committee, is amended to read as follows:

22 (g) The committee shall periodically review the status of the Public
23 ~~Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Trust Fund and the School Vehicle~~
24 ~~Insurance Reserve Trust Fund.~~

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26 SECTION 8. Arkansas Code § 19-5-908 is repealed.

27 ~~19-5-908. Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund.~~

28 ~~(a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State,~~
29 ~~Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to~~
30 ~~be known as the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund.~~

31 ~~(b) This fund shall consist of a Permanent Insurance Reserve Fund,~~
32 ~~insurance premiums, adjustments, earnings, interest income, and the like as~~
33 ~~provided by the Public Elementary and Secondary School Self Insurance Act of~~
34 ~~1973, §§ 6-20-1501—6-20-1515, there to be used for the operation,~~
35 ~~maintenance, and execution of those statutes.~~

SECTION 9. Arkansas Code § 19-5-981 is repealed.

~~19-5-981. School Vehicle Insurance Reserve Trust Fund.~~

~~(a) There is hereby established on the books of the Treasurer of State, Auditor of State, and Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a fund to be known as the School Vehicle Insurance Reserve Trust Fund.~~

~~(b) This fund shall consist of an initial loan of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund and all funds received by the State Board of Education as premiums, adjustments, and earnings as provided in § 6-21-701 et seq., there to be used for school motor vehicle claims, program expenses, to pay back the initial loan, and for the other purposes as set out in § 6-21-710.~~

SECTION 10. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 6, Subchapter 8 is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-6-805. Public School Insurance Trust Fund.

(a) There is established on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a trust fund to be known as the "Public School Insurance Trust Fund".

(b) The fund shall consist of:

(1) A Permanent Insurance Reserve Fund, insurance premiums, adjustments, earnings, interest income, and the like as provided by the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Act, § 6-20-1501 et seq., and The School Motor Vehicle Insurance Act, § 6-21-701 et seq.;

(2) All funds transferred from the former Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund established under § 6-20-1510 and 19-5-908; and

(3) All funds transferred from the former School Vehicle Insurance Reserve Trust Fund established under §§ 6-21-710 and 19-5-981.

(c)(1) The Public School Insurance Trust Fund shall be used for the operation, maintenance, and execution of the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Program under § 6-20-1501 et seq. and the Public School Motor Vehicle Insurance Program under § 6-21-701 et seq.

(2) No money shall be appropriated from the Public School Insurance Trust Fund for any purpose except for the use and benefit of the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Program and the Public School Motor Vehicle Insurance Program.

1 (3) All funds received by the State Insurance Department in the
2 administration of the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance
3 Program and the Public School Motor Vehicle Insurance Program as premiums,
4 adjustments, earnings, and the like:

5 (A) Shall be used for the following purposes, listed in a
6 descending order of priority:

7 (i) To defray administrative costs;

8 (ii) To pay claims; and

9 (iii) To maintain the Public School Insurance Trust
10 Fund; and

11 (B) May be invested and reinvested as the Insurance
12 Commissioner may determine.

13 (4) Moneys invested and interest earned thereon shall be
14 administered as program funds.

15 (5) All moneys deposited to the fund shall not be subject to any
16 deduction, tax, levy, or any other type of assessment.

17 (d) The initial loan from the former Public Elementary and Secondary
18 School Insurance Fund as established by the Public Elementary and Secondary
19 School Insurance Act, § 6-20-1501 et seq. of one million five hundred
20 thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to fund the former School Vehicle Insurance
21 Reserve Trust Fund established under The School Motor Vehicle Insurance Act,
22 § 6-21-701 et seq., is canceled.

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24 SECTION 11. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. (a) All unexpended
25 balances and appropriations from the following funds shall be transferred by
26 the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State to the Public School Insurance Trust
27 Fund on the effective date of this act:

28 (1) The former Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance
29 Fund established under §§ 6-20-1510 and 19-5-908; and

30 (2) The former School Vehicle Insurance Reserve Trust Fund
31 established under §§ 6-21-710 and 19-5-981.

32 (b) The fund balances shall be used by the State Insurance Department
33 for the purposes for which the fund balances were collected.

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35 SECTION 12. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE. DO NOT CODIFY. The Public School
36 Insurance Trust Fund established by this act shall be the successor fund to

1 the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance Fund established under
2 §§ 6-20-1510 and 19-5-908 and the School Vehicle Insurance Reserve Trust Fund
3 established under §§ 6-21-710 and 19-5-981. Any funds appropriated by the 86th
4 General Assembly from the Public Elementary and Secondary School Insurance
5 Fund or the School Vehicle Insurance Reserve Trust Fund shall be deemed
6 payable from the Public School Insurance Trust Fund.

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