

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 86th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2007

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 2118

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5 By: Representative Pickett
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - MANAGEMENT
11 SERVICES DIVISION - EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION -
12 FOR PAYMENT OF STATE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PUBLIC
13 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS; AND FOR OTHER
14 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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18 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND
19 ADMINISTRATION - MANAGEMENT SERVICES -
20 EMPLOYEE BENEFITS DIVISION - PAYMENT OF
21 STATE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
22 EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS GENERAL
23 IMPROVEMENT APPROPRIATION.
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26 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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28 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS. There
29 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Finance and Administration -
30 Management Services Division - Employee Benefits Division, to be payable from
31 the Public School Employees Health and Life Insurance Revolving Fund, for the
32 payment of state contributions for public school employee health benefits as
33 authorized by law for the biennial period ending June 30, 2009, the
34 following:
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36 ITEM

FISCAL YEARS



1	NO.	2007-2008	2008-2009
2	(01) STATE CONTRIBUTION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL		
3	EMPLOYEE HEALTH BENEFITS	<u>\$ 96,782,744</u>	<u>\$ 96,782,744</u>

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5 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. NOT TO BE INCORPORATED INTO THE ARKANSAS
6 CODE NOR PUBLISHED SEPARATELY AS SPECIAL, LOCAL AND TEMPORARY LAW. HEALTH
7 INSURANCE CONTRIBUTION FUND TRANSFER. On July 1 of 2007, and each month
8 thereafter, the Department of Finance and Administration - Employee Benefits
9 Division shall verify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the amount of
10 funds needed for state contributions for public school employee health
11 benefits as authorized by law. Upon certification by the Department of
12 Finance and Administration - Employee Benefits Division to the Chief Fiscal
13 Officer of the State, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall transfer on
14 his books, and those of the State Treasurer and the State Auditor, the
15 monthly certified amounts from the Department of Education Public School Fund
16 Account to the Public School Employee Health and Life Insurance Revolving
17 Fund. In no event, shall the total amount of funds transferred in a fiscal
18 year under the provisions of this section exceed ninety-six million seven
19 hundred eighty-two thousand seven hundred forty-four dollars (\$96,782,744).

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21 SECTION 3. DISBURSEMENT CONTROLS. (A) No contract may be awarded nor
22 obligations otherwise incurred in relation to the project or projects
23 described herein in excess of the State Treasury funds actually available
24 therefor as provided by law. Provided, however, that institutions and
25 agencies listed herein shall have the authority to accept and use grants and
26 donations including Federal funds, and to use its unobligated cash income or
27 funds, or both available to it, for the purpose of supplementing the State
28 Treasury funds for financing the entire costs of the project or projects
29 enumerated herein. Provided further, that the appropriations and funds
30 otherwise provided by the General Assembly for Maintenance and General
31 Operations of the agency or institutions receiving appropriation herein shall
32 not be used for any of the purposes as appropriated in this act.

33 (B) The restrictions of any applicable provisions of the State Purchasing
34 Law, the General Accounting and Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue
35 Stabilization Law and any other applicable fiscal control laws of this State
36 and regulations promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration,

1 as authorized by law, shall be strictly complied with in disbursement of any
2 funds provided by this act unless specifically provided otherwise by law.

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4 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
5 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
6 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
7 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
8 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by
9 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
10 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
11 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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13 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
14 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
15 appropriation of funds for more than a two (2) year period; that the
16 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2007 is essential to the operation of
17 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
18 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
19 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2007 could work irreparable harm upon the
20 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
21 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
22 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
23 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2007.