

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 1168

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5 By: Representative Cook
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EQUALIZE RETIREE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE
10 PREMIUM COSTS FOR RETIRED PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
11 AND RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES AND; TO PERMIT STATE
12 CONTRIBUTIONS TO GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM
13 COSTS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE ARKANSAS TEACHER
14 RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE NOT STATE EMPLOYEES;
15 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

17 AN ACT TO EQUALIZE GROUP HEALTH
18 INSURANCE PREMIUM COSTS OF RETIRED
19 SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND RETIRED STATE
20 EMPLOYEES.
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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 Section 6-17-1112 is amended to read as
27 follows:

28 6-17-1112. Life and disability insurance – Members of retirement
29 systems.

30 (a)(1) Members of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the
31 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System who have rendered, or shall
32 render, service as employees of the public schools who ~~hereafter~~ retire and
33 receive retirement benefits under ~~such systems shall be~~ the Arkansas Teacher
34 Retirement System or the Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System are
35 eligible to participate in the group insurance program ~~instituted pursuant to~~
36 ~~the provisions of~~ administered by the Employee Benefits Division of the



1 Department of Finance and Administration under this subchapter and other laws
2 enacted to implement the group insurance program such programs provided that
3 such persons are,

4 (2) To be eligible for participation in the group insurance
5 program under subsection (a) of this section, a retiree shall be
6 participating in the group insurance program at the time of retirement.

7 (b) In addition, upon the death of an active member or a retired Upon
8 the death of a member of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, the
9 survivors a survivor of such the member who are eligible for an annuity under
10 the system and who were covered on the active member's policy at the time of
11 death shall have the option of continuing to be a member of such insurance
12 group at the prevailing rates established for members of the Arkansas Teacher
13 Retirement System, upon application for such coverage, may continue to
14 participate in the group insurance program at the prevailing rates
15 established for members of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System upon the
16 survivor's application for such coverage if:

17 (1) The survivor:

18 (A) Survives an active member and the survivor is eligible
19 to receive an annuity under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System; or

20 (B) Survives a retired member who was receiving an annuity
21 under the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System at the time of the retired
22 member's death; and

23 (2) The survivor is covered on the member's health insurance
24 policy at the time of the member's death.

25 (c)(1) However, persons A member drawing retirement benefits under the
26 Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and or the Arkansas Public Employees'
27 Retirement System, or a survivor under subsection (b) of this section, who
28 wish elects to participate or continue to participate in the group insurance
29 program provided for herein under this section shall pay the full amount of
30 the retiree portion of the premium or cost of the health insurance policy,
31 and such.

32 (2) The retiree portion of the premium or cost of the health
33 insurance policy shall be deducted from the retirement benefit checks check
34 of such participants the participant under § 21-5-411.

35 (d) The retiree portion of the premium or cost of a health insurance
36 policy under this section for a member of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement

1 System shall not exceed the retiree portion of the premium or cost of a
2 health insurance policy under this section for a member of the Arkansas
3 Public Employees' Retirement System.

4 (e)(1)(A) The state may make a monthly contribution on behalf of the
5 members who participate in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the
6 Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System group insurance program provided
7 by the division in an amount necessary to meet the requirement of subsection
8 (d) of this section.

9 (B) The department may make the monthly contribution to
10 partially defray the retiree's cost of the group insurance provided under
11 this section using funds made available for that purpose.

12 (2) The state contribution amount shall not exceed the state
13 contribution amount permitted by law for state contributions for members and
14 retirees of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System and the Arkansas Public
15 Employees' Retirement System under § 21-5-414.

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