

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 87th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2009

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1413

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5 By: Representatives Abernathy, Everett, Hoyt, Pierce, Allen, Baird, T. Baker, Betts, Blount, T. Bradford,
6 Breedlove, J. Brown, J. Burris, M. Burris, Carroll, Cash, Cheatham, Cole, Cooper, L. Cowling, D.
7 Creekmore, Dale, Davenport, Davis, J. Dickinson, Dismang, J. Edwards, Flowers, George, R. Green,
8 Harrelson, Hawkins, Hobbs, House, Ingram, Kerr, Kidd, Lea, W. Lewellen, Lindsey, Lovell, Lowery,
9 Maxwell, McCrary, Moore, Nickels, Nix, Overbey, Patterson, Pennartz, Powers, Pyle, Rainey, Reep,
10 Rice, J. Roebuck, T. Rogers, Sample, Saunders, Shelby, G. Smith, Stewart, Tyler, Wagner, Webb, B.
11 Wilkins, Wills, Woods

For An Act To Be Entitled

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15 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL
16 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
18 2010; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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22 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
23 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE
24 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL
25 YEAR.

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28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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30 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE. There
31 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from
32 the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for payment of health
33 insurance premiums for public school employees in addition to the employer
34 contributions under Arkansas Code §6-17-1117 (a) and in addition to any other
35 appropriations authorized for payment of insurance premiums for public school
36 employees to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and



1 Administration by the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June
2 30, 2010, the following:

4 ITEM 5 NO.	FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010
6 (01) PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INSURANCE	\$ <u>25,000,000</u>

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8 SECTION 2. SPECIAL LANGUAGE. Arkansas Code §6-17-1117(b)(1), concerning
9 contributions to health insurance premiums of public school employees, is
10 amended to read as follows:

11 (b)(1)(A) The Department of Education shall pay the Employee Benefits
12 Division of the Department of Finance and Administration a minimum of sixty-
13 one dollars (\$61.00) per month for each eligible employee electing to
14 participate in the public school employees' health insurance program
15 administered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board.

16 (B) The Department of Education shall make the total contributions
17 under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section by transferring ~~thirty-five~~
18 ~~million dollars (\$35,000,000)~~ to the division in eleven (11) equal monthly
19 installments the full amount of appropriation and funding available for the
20 purpose of this subdivision (b)(1).

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22 SECTION 3. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS. Disbursement of funds authorized
23 by this act shall be limited to the appropriation for such agency and funds
24 made available by law for the support of such appropriations; and the
25 restrictions of the State Procurement Law, the General Accounting and
26 Budgetary Procedures Law, the Revenue Stabilization Law, the Regular Salary
27 Procedures and Restrictions Act, or their successors, and other fiscal
28 control laws of this State, where applicable, and regulations promulgated by
29 the Department of Finance and Administration, as authorized by law, shall be
30 strictly complied with in disbursement of said funds.

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32 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly
33 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained
34 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act
35 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations
36 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by

1 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral
2 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or
3 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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5 SECTION 5. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General
6 Assembly, that the Constitution of the State of Arkansas prohibits the
7 appropriation of funds for more than a one (1) year period; that the
8 effectiveness of this Act on July 1, 2009 is essential to the operation of
9 the agency for which the appropriations in this Act are provided, and that in
10 the event of an extension of the Regular Session, the delay in the effective
11 date of this Act beyond July 1, 2009 could work irreparable harm upon the
12 proper administration and provision of essential governmental programs.
13 Therefore, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this Act being
14 necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and
15 safety shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2009.