

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
4

As Engrossed: H3/3/09

A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1413

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, *Adcock, Carnine, Carter, Cook, Dunn, Hardy, King, McLean, Perry, Ragland,*
12 *Reynolds, J. Rogers, Slinkard*
13
14

For An Act To Be Entitled

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.
19
20
21

Subtitle

22 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -
23 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE
24 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL
25 YEAR.
26
27
28

29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
30

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



1 employees to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and
2 Administration by the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June
3 30, 2010, the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17
18 /s/ Abernathy
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28
29
30
31
32
33
34
35
36