

**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 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 *By: Senators J. Jeffress, Altes, Bookout, Broadway, Bryles, Elliott, Horn, G. Jeffress, D. Johnson, J. Key,*  
14 *Madison, Miller, Salmon, J. Taylor, Teague, R. Thompson, Trusty, H. Wilkins, Wilkinson*  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

18 AN ACT TO MAKE AN APPROPRIATION FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL  
19 EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF  
20 EDUCATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,  
21 2010; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

25 AN ACT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION -  
26 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE  
27 APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2009-2010 FISCAL  
28 YEAR.  
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31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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33 SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION - PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE. There  
34 is hereby appropriated, to the Department of Education, to be payable from  
35 the Department of Education Public School Fund Account, for payment of health  
36 insurance premiums for public school employees in addition to the employer



1 contributions under Arkansas Code §6-17-1117 (a) and in addition to any other  
 2 appropriations authorized for payment of insurance premiums for public school  
 3 employees to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and  
 4 Administration by the Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June  
 5 30, 2010, the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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 35 SECTION 4. LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the General Assembly  
 36 that any funds disbursed under the authority of the appropriations contained

1 in this act shall be in compliance with the stated reasons for which this act  
2 was adopted, as evidenced by the Agency Requests, Executive Recommendations  
3 and Legislative Recommendations contained in the budget manuals prepared by  
4 the Department of Finance and Administration, letters, or summarized oral  
5 testimony in the official minutes of the Arkansas Legislative Council or  
6 Joint Budget Committee which relate to its passage and adoption.

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

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20 /s/ Abernathy  
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