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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 821

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR  
9 STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; TO MODIFY THE  
10 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE  
11 STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE  
12 PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

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16 TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS  
17 FOR STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.  
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20 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-404(1)(C), concerning powers,  
23 functions, and duties of the State and Public School Life and Health  
24 Insurance Board, is amended to read as follows:

25 (C) The board shall require ~~a participant~~ an active  
26 employee in a consumer-driven health insurance plan option offered under the  
27 program to establish a health savings account if the active employee is  
28 eligible to establish a health savings account under federal law;  
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405(b)(8), concerning the duties of  
31 the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to  
32 read as follows:

33 (8) Beginning in the ~~2014~~ 2015 plan year, implement a policy  
34 applicable to a participating entity to identify funds that are not required  
35 to be paid for federal taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act,  
36 26 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., and use the identified funds for premium



1 assistance.

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3 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 21-5-406(c)(2), concerning the use of funds  
4 by the Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Division of the Department  
5 of Finance and Administration, is amended to read as follows:

6 (2) ~~Premiums Funds~~ collected from employers, participating  
7 employees, ~~and~~ retirees, and any other sources for the program, including  
8 plan options offered under the program, shall be collected one (1) month in  
9 advance and shall be used solely to pay medical claims, drug claims,  
10 premiums, benefits, and direct administrative expenses of the program.

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12 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 21-5-407, concerning definitions under the  
13 State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program, is amended to add  
14 an additional subdivision to read as follows:

15 (19) "Active employee" means an eligible individual currently  
16 employed by a participating entity or participating institution.

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