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## EDUCATION - GENERAL

### DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

#### *Appropriation*

ACT 5 (HB1003) provides an appropriation for forty-three million dollars (\$43,000,000) and funding with a fund transfer from unobligated funds in the General Improvement Fund to the Department of Education Public School Fund Account for additional public school employee health insurance for the 2014 plan year. The additional forty-three million dollars (\$43,000,000) is estimated to reduce the increase in the 2014 plan year to an approximate ten percent (10%) rate increase when compared to the 2013 plan year. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after October 21, 2013.

### SCHOOL DISTRICTS - FINANCE

#### *Facilities*

ACT 1 (SB4) provides for savings from the phase out of state financial assistance from general facilities funding and supplemental millage incentive funding to be distributed to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the exclusive benefit of public school employees participating in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after July 1, 2014.

### TEACHERS - GENERALLY

#### *Professional Development*

ACT 2 (SB5) aligns professional development requirements with the requirements set by the Department of Education and sets the amount of funding for professional development up to thirty-two dollars and forty cents (\$32.40). The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after July 1, 2014.

## ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

### WATER POLLUTION AND CONTROL

#### *Water Quality Standards*

ACT 4 (HB1002) repeals Act 954 of 2013, which required the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission to follow certain procedures and consider certain criteria in promulgating water quality standards for minerals. The act does not contain an emergency clause and is effective on the ninety-first day following the date the General Assembly adjourns sine die.

## INSURANCE

### HEALTH INSURANCE

#### *State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program*

ACT 3 (SB6) and Act 6 (HB1011) are identical acts that (1) dissolve the current membership of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board on November 20, 2013; (2) require a new board membership to be seated on December 1, 2013; (3) clarify the duties and responsibilities of the board; (4) add two (2) additional members to the board; (5) prohibit the board from offering health insurance plan options that do not have a deductible; (6) direct school districts to spend all funding allocated for public school employee health insurance through the matrix per-student funding calculation for public school employee health insurance; (7) allow school districts to make employer contributions into an employee's health savings account; (8) require the board, as well as health savings account vendors, to provide education and guidance to state employees, state employee retirees, public school employees, and public school employee retirees on the health insurance plan options available, including the advantages and disadvantages of each plan; (9) establish the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program Legislative Task Force to study and recommend changes to the program, including to the governance structure and general operation; and (10) require the task force to submit a preliminary report to the legislature on or before June 30, 2014, and a final report on or before June 29, 2015. The task force expires on June 30, 2015. The act declares an emergency and is effective on and after October 21, 2013.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING DATES  
AND EFFECTIVE DATES SINCE 1969

General Assembly	Year	Dates in Session	Effective date without emergency clause/AG Opin. No.
67 <sup>th</sup>	1969	January 13 – May 8	8/7/69*
67 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1970	March 2 – March 7	6/6/70*
68 <sup>th</sup>	1971	January 11 – April 19	7/19/71*
68 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1972	February 7 – February 16	5/17/72*
69 <sup>th</sup>	1973	January 8 – January 14, 1974	7/24/73: #73-120
69 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1974	June 24 – August 1	10/31/74*
70 <sup>th</sup>	1975	January 13 – April 9	7/9/75**
70 <sup>th</sup> – Exten	1976	January 12 – January 28	4/28/76: #76-50
70 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1976	September 8 – September 10	NA
71 <sup>st</sup>	1977	January 10 – August 14	7/6/77: #77-57
71 <sup>st</sup> – FES	1977	August 2 – August 5	11/4/77**
72 <sup>nd</sup>	1979	January 8 – April 20	7/20/79: #79-88
72 <sup>nd</sup> – EXT.	1980	January 7 – January 17	(No legislation passed)
72 <sup>nd</sup> – FES	1980	January 17 – January 24	4/24/80: #80-42
72 <sup>nd</sup> – SES	1980	April 15 – April 18	NA
73 <sup>rd</sup>	1981	January 12 – March 18	6/17/81: #81-76
73 <sup>rd</sup> – FES	1981	November 16 – November 25	2/24/82**
74 <sup>th</sup>	1983	January 10 – April 4	7/4/83: #83-74
74 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1983	October 4 – November 10	2/9/84: #83-228
75 <sup>th</sup>	1985	January 14 – March 29	6/28/85: #85-108
75 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1985	June 17 – June 21	9/20/85**
75 <sup>th</sup> – SES	1986	April 28 – May 1	7/31/86: #86-337
76 <sup>th</sup>	1987	January 12 – April 20	7/20/87: #87-156
76 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1987	June 2 – June 5	9/4/87**

General Assembly	Year	Dates in Session	Effective date without emergency clause/AG Opin. No.
76 <sup>th</sup> – SES	1987	October 6 – October 9	1/8/88**
76 <sup>th</sup> – TES	1988	January 26 – February 5	5/6/88**
76 <sup>th</sup> – 4 <sup>th</sup> ES	1988	July 11 – July 14	10/13/88**
77 <sup>th</sup>	1989	January 9 – April 3	7/3/89: #89-078
77 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1989	June 20 – June 23	9/22/89**
77 <sup>th</sup> – SES	1989	July 25 – July 27	10/26/89**
77 <sup>th</sup> – TES	1989	October 23 – November 3	2/2/90**
78 <sup>th</sup>	1991	January 14 – April 15	7/15/91: #91-119
78 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1992	February 24 – March 4	6/3/92: #92-114A & #93-025A
78 <sup>th</sup> – SES	1992	December 14 – December 18	3/19/93: #93-025A
79 <sup>th</sup>	1993	January 11 – May 14	8/13/93: #93-149A
79 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1994	February 28 – March 2	6/1/94: #94-076
79 <sup>th</sup> – SES	1994	August 15 – August 24	11/23/94: #94-273
80 <sup>th</sup>	1995	January 9 – April 28	7/28/95: #95-119
80 <sup>th</sup> – FES	1995	October 17 – October 20	1/19/96*
81 <sup>st</sup>	1997	January 13 – May 2	8/1/97: #97-144
82 <sup>nd</sup>	1999	January 11 – April 30	7/30/99: #99-120
82 <sup>nd</sup> – FES	2000	April 3 – April 7	NA
82 <sup>nd</sup> – SES	2000	December 13 – 15	NA
83 <sup>rd</sup>	2001	January 8 – May 14	8/13/01: #2001-138
83 <sup>rd</sup> – FES	2002	June 10 – June 12	NA
84 <sup>th</sup>	2003	January 13 – April 16	7/16/03: #2003-119
84 <sup>th</sup> – FES	2003	May 5 – May 9	NA
84 <sup>th</sup> – SES	2003	Dec. 8, 2003 – June 9, 2004	6/3/04: #2004-186
85 <sup>th</sup>	2005	January 10 – May 13	8/12/05: #2005-110
85 <sup>th</sup> – FES	2006	April 3 – April 21	7/21/06: #2006-080



General Assembly	Year	Dates in Session	Effective date without emergency clause/AG Opin. No.
86 <sup>th</sup>	2007	January 8 – May 1	7/31/07: #2007-164
86 <sup>th</sup> – FES	2008	March 31 – April 2	NA
87 <sup>th</sup>	2009	January 12 – May 1	7/31/09: #2009-090
87 <sup>th</sup> – Fiscal	2010	February 8 – March 4	6/3/10: #2010-031
88 <sup>th</sup>	2011	January 10 – April 27	7/27/11: #2011-056
88 <sup>th</sup> – Fiscal	2012	February 13 – March 9	6/8/12*
89 <sup>th</sup>	2013	January 14 – May 17	8/16/13: #2013-049
89 <sup>th</sup> – FES	2013	October 17 – October 19	1/18/14*

\* Bureau Calculation

\*\* Bureau Calculation, confirmed by Secretary of State