

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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

12 TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
13 FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE AND PUBLIC
14 SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-410(a), concerning the eligibility
22 requirements for participation in the State and Public School Life and Health
23 Insurance Program, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as
24 follows:

25 (6) A state employee who is:

26 (A) In an authorized job-sharing position as defined in §
27 21-5-203(14)(A); or

28 (B) A part-time public defender.
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30 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-410(b) and (c), concerning the
31 eligibility requirements for participation in the State and Public School
32 Life and Health Insurance Program, are amended to read as follows:

33 (b) ~~Program participation for~~ Except as provided in subdivision (a)(6)
34 of this section, a state employee is ~~conditioned upon~~ eligible to participate
35 in the program if the state employee's employee being-is in a position that:

36 (1) Is a budgeted state employee position or a position

1 authorized by the General Assembly; and

2 (2) Requires on average at least thirty (30) working hours per
3 week of actual performance of duty.

4 (c) ~~A state public school employee is one whose actual performance of~~
5 ~~duty requires one thousand (1,000) or more working hours per year~~ eligible to
6 participate in the program if the public school employee is in a position
7 that requires on average at least thirty (30) hours of service per week of
8 actual performance of duty during the annual school year.

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10 SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1111 is repealed.

11 ~~6-17-1111. Life and disability insurance—Employee eligibility—~~
12 ~~Allocation of costs.~~

13 ~~(a) Eligible employees shall include:~~

14 ~~(1) All licensed employees in public schools who are normally~~
15 ~~expected to work nine hundred (900) hours or more per year, whose salaries~~
16 ~~are paid from the school district's teacher salary fund, and all other~~
17 ~~employees of public schools who are normally expected to work nine hundred~~
18 ~~(900) hours or more per year and whose salaries are paid from the school~~
19 ~~district's local or state revenue; and~~

20 ~~(2)(A) All other employees of the school district whose salaries~~
21 ~~are not paid from the school district's local or state revenues, provided~~
22 ~~these employees are licensed or they are normally expected to work nine~~
23 ~~hundred (900) hours or more per year.~~

24 ~~(B) The employing school district is required to pay the~~
25 ~~same amount per month for the employees in subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this~~
26 ~~section as the General Assembly appropriates for employees in subdivision~~
27 ~~(a)(1) of this section.~~

28 ~~(C) The State and Public School Life and Health Insurance~~
29 ~~Board may establish the manner in which this payment is to be made if the~~
30 ~~manner of payment is not in violation of any other law, rule, or regulation~~
31 ~~governing the school district.~~

32 ~~(b) If an employee draws part of his or her salary from the school~~
33 ~~district's local or state revenue and part of his or her salary from another~~
34 ~~fund administered by the school district, the employer's share of the cost of~~
35 ~~the employee's insurance shall be prorated between the provisions of~~
36 ~~subdivisions (a)(1) and (2) of this section.~~

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2 SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1116 is repealed.

3 ~~6-17-1116. School bus drivers.~~

4 ~~(a) For the purposes of this section, a full-time school bus driver~~
5 ~~is:~~

6 ~~(1) A person who contracts with a public school district to~~
7 ~~operate a school bus for at least seven hundred twenty (720) hours during the~~
8 ~~school year;~~

9 ~~(2) A person whose primary source of income during the school~~
10 ~~year is obtained by operating a school bus for a public school district; or~~

11 ~~(3) A person who contracts with a public school district to~~
12 ~~operate a school bus and is designated by the superintendent as a full-time~~
13 ~~school bus driver, regardless of the number of hours for which the person~~
14 ~~contracted.~~

15 ~~(b) All full-time school bus drivers who are not under current law~~
16 ~~eligible to participate in the public school employees insurance program~~
17 ~~provided for by §§ 6-17-1109 and 6-17-1111—6-17-1115 shall hereafter be~~
18 ~~eligible to participate in the program provided that they pay all costs~~
19 ~~associated with participating in the program unless the employing school~~
20 ~~district opts to pay all or a portion of that cost.~~

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