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6 By: Senator Irvin

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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL
10 EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE AND PUBLIC
11 SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.

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Subtitle

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17 TO ALLOW CERTAIN PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL
18 EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE AND
19 PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE
20 PROGRAM.

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

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SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-410(g), concerning eligibility to
25 participate in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program,
26 is amended to read as follows:

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(g)(1) ~~Beginning in the 2015 plan year,~~ The following persons are
28 eligible to participate in the program:

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(A) A public school employee is eligible to participate in
30 the program if the public school employee who is in a position that requires
31 on average at least thirty (30) hours per week of actual performance of duty
32 during the annual school year; and

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(B) A full-time school bus driver who is employed by a
34 public school district to drive regular routes during the annual school year.

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(2) A public school employee who is not a full-time school bus
36 driver and who is in a variable hour position is ineligible to participate in



1 the program.

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3 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-410, concerning the eligibility to
4 participate in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program,
5 is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

6 (h) As used in this section, "full-time school bus driver" means a
7 person:

8 (1) Who contracts with a public school district to operate a
9 school bus for at least seven hundred twenty (720) hours during the school
10 year;

11 (2) Whose primary source of income during the school year is
12 obtained by operating a school bus for a public school district; or

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

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/s/M. Gray

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