





**State of Arkansas  
Department of Finance and Administration  
Fiscal Impact Statement**

**Bill: HB1698**

**Amendment Number: H1**

**Bill Subtitle: TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE INCOME TAX TREATMENT OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS TO A HEALTHCARE SHARING MINISTRY OR OTHER MEDICAL COST-SHARING PROGRAM.**

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**Resources Required:**

Computer programs, tax forms, and instructions will need to be updated. The Arkansas Integrated Revenue System (AIRS) will require programming at an estimated cost of \$8,000.

**Time Required:**

Adequate time is provided for implementation.

**Procedural Changes:**

Department employees will need to be educated as well as the tax community.

**Other Comments:**

None.

**Legal Analysis:**

HB1698-H1 may benefit from an amendment to

- Define the term "medical cost-sharing program."
- Delete the first "or" on page 2, line 12.
- Replace "exemption" with "exclusion" on page 2, line 1.
- Add "for contributions for his or her own membership in a healthcare sharing ministry as defined in § 23-60-104 or other medical cost-sharing program" to the end of each of the provisions providing that a self-employed person may claim the deduction provided by the bill.