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A Bill

SENATE BILL 946

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE SCHOOL DSITRICTS TO SEEK
PROPOSALS FROM HEALTH INSURERS OR HEALTH
MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE HEALTH CARE
COVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S EMPLOYEES; AND FOR
OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW SCHOOL DSITRICTS TO SEEK
PROPOSALS FROM HEALTH INSURERS OR HEALTH
MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE HEALTH
CARE COVERAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S
EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any provision of law under Arkansas
Code §§ 21-5-401 through 21-5-417 to the contrary, an Arkansas school
district is authorized to solicit proposals from any health insurer or health
maintenance organization to provide school district employees and dependents
with health insurance coverage or with health care benefits that are
independent of the group coverage offered by the state.

(b) If a school district enters into an agreement with a health
insurer or health maintenance organization, the school district is entitled
to receive payments from the Group Insurance Trust Fund for its employees and
dependents in an equivalent amount provided to other similar school districts
as an offset to the cost of the premiums to the health insurer or health
maintenance organization.

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