

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1169

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5 By: Representative Cook
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS FOR
10 HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
11 EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR
12 OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

14 AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
15 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE
16 PREMIUMS UNDER THE PUBLIC SCHOOL
17 EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1117(a) and (b), concerning
24 contributions to health insurance premiums of public school employees, are
25 amended to read as follows:

26 (a)(1) ~~Beginning on October 1, 2004, local~~ Each public school
27 ~~districts~~ district shall pay the health insurance contribution rate of one
28 hundred thirty-one dollars (\$131) per month for each eligible employee
29 electing to participate in the public school employees' health insurance
30 program administered by the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance
31 Board.

32 (2) To the extent an appropriation and funding are available for
33 this purpose, the Department of Education shall pay to the Employee Benefits
34 Division of the Department of Finance and Administration employer
35 contributions in the amount required under this subdivision (a) for each
36 participating employee of an educational service cooperative, secondary area



1 vocational center, and the Arkansas Correctional School.

2 (b)(1)(A) The Each fiscal year, the Department of Education shall pay
 3 to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and
 4 Administration a minimum of sixty one dollars (\$61.00) per month for each
 5 eligible employee electing to participate in the public school employees'
 6 health insurance program administered by the State and Public School Life and
 7 Health Insurance Board division the full amount of an appropriation and
 8 funding for the purpose of making contributions to health insurance premiums
 9 for public school employees that are in addition to the employer
 10 contributions under subsection (a) of this section.

11 (B) The Department of Education shall make the total
 12 contributions under subdivision (a)(2) and subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this
 13 section by transferring ~~thirty five million dollars (\$35,000,000)~~ the funding
 14 to the division in eleven (11) equal monthly installments.

15 (2) The board shall administer the funds provided to the
 16 division under subdivisions (a)(1) and (b)(1) of this section ~~subsection~~
 17 ~~shall be administered by the board~~ for the benefit of the employee
 18 participants of the public school employees' health insurance program.

19 (3)(A) ~~In the event that~~ If an appropriation or funding is not
 20 provided for the contributions under subdivision (a)(2) or (b)(1) of this
 21 section, the department shall not be Department of Education is not
 22 responsible for the ~~increased payments~~ contributions under the unfunded
 23 subdivision for the public school employees' health insurance program ~~as~~
 24 established by this section.

25 (B) ~~If funding and appropriation are provided but are~~
 26 ~~inadequate for the total number of employees electing to participate in the~~
 27 ~~public school employees' health insurance program, the department shall pay a~~
 28 ~~proportional share on behalf of each participant.~~

29 (C) ~~If funding and appropriation are provided and exceed~~
 30 ~~the amount needed to make the minimum contribution under subdivision~~
 31 ~~(b)(1)(A) of this section, the department shall pay a proportional share of~~
 32 ~~the excess on behalf of each participant.~~

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