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A Bill

Call Item 3
SENATE BILL 4

By: Senators Rapert, J. Key, Bledsoe, Caldwell, E. Cheatham, L. Chesterfield, J. Dismang, Elliott, J. English, S. Flowers, J. Hendren, Hickey, Holland, J. Hutchinson, K. Ingram, U. Lindsey, B. Pierce, D. Sanders
By: Representative Clemmer

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE; TO ALLOW SAVINGS FROM THE GENERAL FACILITIES FUNDING AND SUPPLEMENTAL MILLAGE INCENTIVE FUNDING TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO ALLOW SAVINGS FROM THE GENERAL FACILITIES FUNDING AND SUPPLEMENTAL MILLAGE INCENTIVE FUNDING TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2503(e)(2)(B), concerning general facilities funding, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The commission shall phase out state financial assistance under this subsection over a ten-year period by reducing the amount received by a school district under this subsection after Fiscal Year 2006 by one-tenth (1/10) in each year of the ten-year period with the savings distributed ~~through the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account in accordance with rules promulgated by the commission~~ to the Employee Benefits



Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the exclusive benefit of public school employees participating in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2503(f)(2)(B), concerning supplemental millage incentive funding, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The commission shall phase out the state financial assistance under this subsection over a ten-year period by reducing the amount received by a school district under this subsection after Fiscal Year 2006 by one-tenth (1/10) in each year of the ten-year period with the savings distributed ~~through the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account in accordance with rules promulgated by the commission~~ to the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the exclusive benefit of public school employees participating in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Public School Insurance Trust Fund is inadequate to provide affordable health insurance for public school employees; changes to the funding system for public school employee health insurance is necessary to ensure a stable and affordable program of health insurance plan options; and that this act is necessary to provide additional funding for public school employee health insurance. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2014.

APPROVED: 10/21/2013