

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1902

By: Representative Sabin

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF STATE EMPLOYEES; TO ALLOW A STATE EMPLOYEE TO CONTRIBUTE TO CERTAIN COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS WITH A VOLUNTARY DEDUCTION FROM HIS OR HER PAY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS OF STATE EMPLOYEES; AND TO ALLOW A STATE EMPLOYEE TO CONTRIBUTE TO CERTAIN COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS WITH A VOLUNTARY DEDUCTION FROM HIS OR HER PAY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 5, is amended to add an additional subchapter to read as follows:

Subchapter 13 – Deferred Contribution to a Tuition Savings Program

21-5-1301. Definitions.

As used in this subchapter:

(1)(A) "Agency" means a board, commission, department, officer, or other authority of the government of the State of Arkansas.

(B) "Agency" does not include the General Assembly, the courts, and Governor; and

(2) "Tuition savings program" means an account as defined under



§ 6-84-103(1).

21-5-1302. Participation in tuition savings program.

(a) When a state employee begins his or her employment with an agency, the agency shall notify the state employee that:

(1) The tuition savings program is available; and

(2) The employee may have a regular distribution made to the tuition savings program from his or her salary before the state employee receives his or her payroll deposit or pay check.

(b)(1) Upon request of the state employee, the agency charged with the duty to distribute the state employee's salary may withhold, by agreement with the state employee, an amount of money from the state employee's salary each payday for deposit into the employee's tuition savings program.

(2) The amount withheld from the state employee's salary shall be designated by the state employee.

(3) The agency that enters an agreement under this subsection shall deposit the money withheld from the state employee's salary into the state employee's tuition savings program at the time the state employee's salary is distributed to the state employee.

(c) An agency that is charged with the duty to distribute the state employee's salary shall adopt formal policies and guidelines in furtherance of this subchapter.

SECTION 2. This act shall be effective on and after January 1, 2016.

/s/Sabin

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