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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 821

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES; TO MODIFY THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO CLARIFY THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-404(1)(C), concerning powers, functions, and duties of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to read as follows:

(C) The board shall require ~~a participant~~ an active employee in a consumer-driven health insurance plan option offered under the program to establish a health savings account if the active employee is eligible to establish a health savings account under federal law;

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-405(b)(8), concerning the duties of the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Board, is amended to read as follows:

(8) Beginning in the ~~2014~~ 2015 plan year, implement a policy applicable to a participating entity to identify funds that are not required to be paid for federal taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, 26 U.S.C. § 3101 et seq., and use the identified funds for premium



assistance.

SECTION 3. Arkansas Code § 21-5-406(c)(2), concerning the use of funds by the Executive Director of the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, is amended to read as follows:

(2) ~~Premiums~~ Funds collected from employers, participating employees, ~~and~~ retirees, and any other sources for the program, including plan options offered under the program, shall be collected one (1) month in advance and shall be used solely to pay medical claims, drug claims, premiums, benefits, and direct administrative expenses of the program.

SECTION 4. Arkansas Code § 21-5-407, concerning definitions under the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program, is amended to add an additional subdivision to read as follows:

(19) "Active employee" means an eligible individual currently employed by a participating entity or participating institution.

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