

State of Arkansas
91st General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1306

By: Representative Sorvillo

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PARTIAL STATE
CONTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYEES' PREMIUMS; TO DECLARE AN
EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO AMEND THE LAW CONCERNING THE PARTIAL
STATE CONTRIBUTION OF EMPLOYEES'
PREMIUMS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-414(b), concerning state contributions generally, is amended to read as follows:

(b) Participating entities shall make a monthly contribution equal to the number of budgeted state employee positions multiplied by the monthly contribution authorized by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State, not to exceed ~~four hundred twenty five dollars (\$425)~~ four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) monthly for each state employee budgeted position into a fund designated for state employee health benefits to partially defray the cost of life and health benefits for state employees and retirees participating in the program.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the effectiveness of this act is essential to finance and the operations of state government; that in the event of an extension of the legislative session, the delay in the effective date of this act could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration



of essential government programs; and that this act is necessary because it ensures the timely administration of government programs. 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, 2017.

APPROVED: 02/21/2017