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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1223

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By: Senator Irvin

### For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO ALLOW CERTAIN PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL  
EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE AND PUBLIC  
SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR  
OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO ALLOW CERTAIN PART-TIME PUBLIC SCHOOL  
EMPLOYEES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE STATE AND  
PUBLIC SCHOOL LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE  
PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-410(g), concerning eligibility to participate in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program, is amended to read as follows:

(g)(1) ~~Beginning in the 2015 plan year, The following persons are eligible to participate in the program:~~

(A) A public school employee is eligible to participate in the program if the public school employee who is in a position that requires on average at least thirty (30) hours per week of actual performance of duty during the annual school year; and

(B) A full-time school bus driver who is employed by a public school district to drive regular routes during the annual school year.

(2) A public school employee who is not a full-time school bus driver and who is in a variable hour position is ineligible to participate in



the program.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-410, concerning the eligibility to participate in the State and Public School Life and Health Insurance Program, is amended to add additional subsections to read as follows:

(h) As used in this section, "full-time school bus driver" means a person:

(1) Who contracts with a public school district to operate a school bus for at least seven hundred twenty (720) hours during the school year;

(2) Whose primary source of income during the school year is obtained by operating a school bus for a public school district; or

(3) Who contracts with a public school district to operate a school bus and is designated by the superintendent as a full-time school bus driver, regardless of the number of hours for which the person contracted.

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