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A Bill

Call Item 2
SENATE BILL 8

By: Senator A. Clark

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE TRANSFER AND USE OF GENERAL REVENUE RELATED TO SALARY SAVINGS; TO CREATE A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INSURANCE FUND; TO USE THE SALARY SAVINGS TO FUND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE TRANSFER AND USE OF GENERAL REVENUE RELATED TO SALARY SAVINGS; TO CREATE A SCHOOL EMPLOYEE INSURANCE FUND; AND TO USE THE SALARY SAVINGS TO FUND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 5, Subchapter 12, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-5-1255. School Employee Insurance Fund.

(a) There is created on the books of the Treasurer of State, the Auditor of State, and the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State a miscellaneous fund to be known as the "School Employee Insurance Fund".

(b) The fund shall consist of salary savings under § 19-6-202 and any other moneys as may be provided by law.

(c) The fund shall be used by the Employee Benefits Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to fund the public school employee health insurance program, § 21-5-401 et seq.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 19, Chapter 6, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

19-6-202. General revenue transfer of salary savings.

(a) If a state agency, board, commission, or institution of higher education has a regular salary position funded by general revenue in whole or in part that is budgeted but not occupied during any portion of a quarter period of a fiscal year:

(1) At the end of each quarter period of each fiscal year, the director of each state agency, board, or commission and each president or chancellor of an institution of higher education shall certify to the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State the total amount of general revenue budgeted for each regular salary position for the time the position was not occupied minus the amount of any general revenue budgeted for an unfilled position for the purposes of the state contribution for health insurance; and

(2) No later than fifteen (15) days after the end of each fiscal year quarter period or as soon thereafter as is practical, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall:

(A) Verify the amount of general revenue certified by the agency, board, commission, or institution of higher education under subdivision (a)(1) of this section; and

(B) Transfer on his or her books and those of the Treasurer of State and Auditor of State from each applicable fund or fund account to the School Employee Insurance Fund:

(i) During the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, one-third (1/3) of the amount of general revenue verified under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section;

(ii) During the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, two-thirds (2/3) of the amount of general revenue verified under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section; and

(iii) During each of the fiscal years beginning on and after July 1, 2017, the full amount of general revenue verified under subdivision (a)(2)(A) of this section.

(b) The Chief Fiscal Officer of the State shall submit a quarterly report to the Legislative Council or the Joint Budget Committee that includes the amount transferred from each state agency, board, commission, or

institution of higher education to the School Employee Insurance Fund and any other information requested by the Legislative Council regarding the implementation of this section.