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A Bill

SENATE BILL 804

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN RETIRED
STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES FOR HEALTH
INSURANCE COVERAGE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

CONCERNING THE ELIGIBILITY OF CERTAIN
RETIRED STATE AND PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES
FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-5-411(a)(1), concerning the eligibility of certain retired employees for health insurance coverage, is amended to read as follows:

(a)(1) ~~State~~ Except as limited under subdivision (a)(1)(A)(v) of this section, state and public school employees ~~shall be allowed to~~ may continue coverage and, if qualified, ~~to~~ may participate in the group health insurance program instituted ~~pursuant to the provisions of~~ under this subchapter and other laws enacted to implement the program who are:

(A) Participating members of:

(i) The Arkansas Public Employees' Retirement System, including the members of the legislative division and the contract personnel of the Arkansas National Guard;

(ii) The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System;

(iii) The Arkansas State Highway Employees' Retirement System;

(iv) The Arkansas Judicial Retirement System; or



(v) An alternate retirement plan of a qualifying institution under § 24-7-801, if the governing body of the qualifying institution elects to allow employees to continue coverage and participate in the group health insurance program instituted under this subchapter and other laws enacted to implement the program; and

(B) Retired and drawing benefits under the systems.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 21-5-411(a)(3)(A), concerning the eligibility of certain retired employees for health insurance coverage, is amended to read as follows:

(3)(A) ~~Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in this section~~ Subject to the limitation stated in subdivision (a)(1)(A)(v) of this section, an employee with ten (10) or more years of creditable service under the terms of a retirement plan listed in this section ~~shall qualify~~ qualifies for continuation of health insurance coverage offered by the board if that employee is separated from employment because of the expiration of a fixed period of employment.