

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.

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**A Bill**

HOUSE BILL 1307

By: Representative Sorvillo

### **For An Act To Be Entitled**

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PAYMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### **Subtitle**

CONCERNING THE PAYMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1117(b)(1)(B), concerning the payment of health insurance contributions by the Department of Education, is amended to read as follows:

(B) The Department of Education shall make the total contributions under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section by transferring ~~thirty-five million dollars (\$35,000,000)~~ fifty-five million dollars (\$55,000,000) to the division in ~~eleven (11)~~ twelve (12) equal monthly installments.

SECTION 2. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the effectiveness of this act on July 1, 2017, is essential to finance the operations of state government;



that in the event of an extension of the legislative session or any other delay in the effective date of this act beyond July 1, 2017, could work irreparable harm upon the proper administration and provision of essential governmental 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.

*/s/Sorvillo*