

1 SB87  
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3 By Senator Whatley  
4 RFD: Finance and Taxation General Fund  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, certain entities are  
9 eligible for health insurance coverage under the  
10 State Employees' Insurance Board without liability  
11 to the state or to the State Employees' Health  
12 Insurance Plan.

13 This bill would allow the Alabama Network of  
14 Children's Advocacy Centers, and its member  
15 Children Advocacy Centers, to elect to participate  
16 in the state health insurance coverage.

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18 A BILL  
19 TO BE ENTITLED  
20 AN ACT

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22 To amend Section 36-29-14, Code of Alabama 1975, as  
23 last amended by Act 2012-234 of the 2012 Regular Session,  
24 relating to the election of certain agencies to be eligible  
25 for health insurance coverage under the State Employees'  
26 Insurance Board; to allow the Alabama Network of Children's  
27 Advocacy Centers, and its member Children's Advocacy Centers,

1 to elect to participate in the state health insurance  
2 coverage.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

4 Section 1. Section 36-29-14 of the Code of Alabama  
5 1975, as last amended by Act 2012-234 of the 2012 Regular  
6 Session, is amended to read as follows:

7 "§36-29-14.

8 "(a) Any agency of the state, or any governmental  
9 entity, body, or subdivision thereto, any county, any  
10 municipality, any municipal foundation, any fire or water  
11 district, authority, or cooperative, any regional planning and  
12 development commission established pursuant to Sections  
13 11-85-50 through 11-85-73, that is not and was not for the 12  
14 months immediately preceding the date of application to  
15 participate in any plan created pursuant to the provisions of  
16 this article a member of an existing government sponsored  
17 health insurance program, formed under the provisions of  
18 Section 11-26-2, the Association of County Commissions of  
19 Alabama or the Alabama League of Municipalities, the Alabama  
20 Retired State Employees' Association, the Alabama State  
21 Employees Credit Union, Easter Seals Alabama, Alabama State  
22 University, the Alabama Rural Water Association, Rainbow  
23 Omega, Incorporated, The Arc of Alabama, Incorporated, and any  
24 of the affiliated local chapters of The Arc of Alabama,  
25 Incorporated, United Ways of Alabama and its member United  
26 Ways, the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and  
27 its member Children's Advocacy Centers, any railroad authority

1 organized pursuant to Chapter 13, Title 37, or any solid waste  
2 disposal authority organized pursuant to Chapter 89A, Title  
3 11, by resolution legally adopted to conform to rules  
4 prescribed by the State Employees' Insurance Board, may elect  
5 to have its officers, members, employees, and retired  
6 employees become eligible for health insurance coverage under  
7 the State Employees' Insurance Board without any liability to  
8 the state or the State Employees' Health Insurance Plan.

9 "(b) Acceptance of the employees identified in  
10 subsection (a) shall be optional with the State Employees'  
11 Insurance Board.

12 "(c) Employees, officers, members, and retirees who  
13 are eligible for health insurance pursuant to this section  
14 shall be entitled to coverage and benefits as designated by  
15 the State Employees' Insurance Board.

16 "(d) Any portion of the cost of the insurance  
17 coverage as determined by the State Employees' Insurance Board  
18 for the employees, officers, members, and retirees and their  
19 dependents pursuant to this section may be paid by the  
20 employer.

21 "(e) The chief fiscal officer of each employer shall  
22 remit to the State Employees' Insurance Board the amount of  
23 premiums required for employee and dependent coverage under  
24 this section. The employer shall furnish the necessary  
25 information to the State Employees' Insurance Board.

26 "(f) The agreement of any employer to have its  
27 employees, officers, members, and retirees to be covered under

1 the health insurance plan provided by the State Employees'  
2 Insurance Board may be revoked only by complying with the  
3 following provisions:

4 "The employer, by resolution of the governing body,  
5 shall signify its intention and desire to withdraw from such  
6 plan in writing and by delivering a copy of such resolution by  
7 certified mail to the State Employees' Insurance Board no  
8 later than six months prior to the effective date of  
9 withdrawal. Any employer that withdraws from participation in  
10 such plan shall be responsible for paying its claims incurred  
11 prior to the date of withdrawal, but not reported and paid  
12 prior to the date of withdrawal. The withdrawing employer  
13 shall also be liable for interest which will accrue at a rate  
14 of one and one-half percent per month on any monies due to the  
15 State Employees' Insurance Board which are over 30 days past  
16 due. Any organization which provides or administers health  
17 insurance benefits through the Local Government Health  
18 Insurance Program shall not provide or administer health  
19 insurance benefits to any entity which withdraws from the  
20 Local Government Health Insurance Program for a period of two  
21 years from the effective date of withdrawal.

22 "(g) The State Employees' Insurance Board shall  
23 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for  
24 the effective administration of the provisions of this  
25 section.

26 "(h) In addition, the State Employees' Insurance  
27 Board shall engage such actuarial and other special services

1 as shall be required to transact the business of the board.  
2 The compensation of all persons engaged by the board, with the  
3 exception of clerical employees who shall be employed under  
4 the Merit System Act, and all other expenses of the board  
5 necessary for the operation of the board shall be paid at such  
6 rates and in such amounts as the board shall approve."

7 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
8 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.