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Call Item 3

A Bill

SENATE BILL 4

5 By: Senators Rapert, J. Key, Bledsoe, Caldwell, E. Cheatham, L. Chesterfield, J. Dismang, Elliott, J.
6 English, S. Flowers, J. Hendren, Hickey, Holland, J. Hutchinson, K. Ingram, U. Lindsey, B. Pierce, D.
7 Sanders
8 By: Representative Clemmer
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For An Act To Be Entitled

11 AN ACT TO SUPPORT PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH
12 INSURANCE; TO ALLOW SAVINGS FROM THE GENERAL
13 FACILITIES FUNDING AND SUPPLEMENTAL MILLAGE INCENTIVE
14 FUNDING TO BE USED FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH
15 INSURANCE; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER
16 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

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20 TO ALLOW SAVINGS FROM THE GENERAL
21 FACILITIES FUNDING AND SUPPLEMENTAL
22 MILLAGE INCENTIVE FUNDING TO BE USED FOR
23 PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEE HEALTH INSURANCE
24 AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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29 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2503(e)(2)(B), concerning general
30 facilities funding, is amended to read as follows:

31 (B) The commission shall phase out state financial
32 assistance under this subsection over a ten-year period by reducing the
33 amount received by a school district under this subsection after Fiscal Year
34 2006 by one-tenth (1/10) in each year of the ten-year period with the savings
35 distributed ~~through the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account in~~
36 ~~accordance with rules promulgated by the commission~~ to the Employee Benefits



1 Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the exclusive
2 benefit of public school employees participating in the State and Public
3 School Life and Health Insurance Program.

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5 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 6-20-2503(f)(2)(B), concerning supplemental
6 millage incentive funding, is amended to read as follows:

7 (B) The commission shall phase out the state financial
8 assistance under this subsection over a ten-year period by reducing the
9 amount received by a school district under this subsection after Fiscal Year
10 2006 by one-tenth (1/10) in each year of the ten-year period with the savings
11 distributed ~~through the Educational Facilities Partnership Fund Account in~~
12 ~~accordance with rules promulgated by the commission~~ to the Employee Benefits
13 Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the exclusive
14 benefit of public school employees participating in the State and Public
15 School Life and Health Insurance Program.

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17 SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the
18 General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the Public School Insurance
19 Trust Fund is inadequate to provide affordable health insurance for public
20 school employees; changes to the funding system for public school employee
21 health insurance is necessary to ensure a stable and affordable program of
22 health insurance plan options; and that this act is necessary to provide
23 additional funding for public school employee health insurance. Therefore,
24 an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the
25 preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective
26 on July 1, 2014.