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To: Appropriations

COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE  
FOR  
HOUSE BILL NO. 521

1 AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 25-15-3, 25-15-15 AND 37-151-95,  
2 MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT THE STATE SHALL PAY 100%  
3 OF THE COST OF THE HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS FOR ALL RETIRED  
4 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM WHO ARE  
5 EMPLOYED BY PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS AS SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS; TO  
6 AMEND SECTION 25-11-127, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, TO PROVIDE THAT  
7 THE AMOUNT PAID BY THE STATE FOR THE COST OF HEALTH INSURANCE  
8 PREMIUMS FOR THOSE RETIREES SHALL NOT BE CONSIDERED AS PART OF THE  
9 SALARY OR THE EARNED COMPENSATION OF THOSE RETIREES WHO ARE  
10 EMPLOYED AFTER RETIREMENT; TO AUTHORIZE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
11 THAT EMPLOYED THOSE RETIREES AS SCHOOL BUS DRIVERS DURING THE  
12 PERIOD FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2003, THROUGH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS  
13 ACT TO REIMBURSE THE RETIREES FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE HEALTH  
14 INSURANCE PREMIUMS THAT THEY PAID DURING THAT TIME, USING ADEQUATE  
15 EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE DISTRICT; AND FOR RELATED  
16 PURPOSES.

17 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

18 **SECTION 1.** Section 25-15-3, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
19 amended as follows:

20 **[Through June 30 of the year in which Section 25-11-143**  
21 **becomes effective as provided in subsection (1) of Section**  
22 **25-11-143, this section shall read as follows:]**

23 25-15-3. For the purposes of this article, the words and  
24 phrases used herein shall have the following meanings:

25 (a) "Employee" means any person who works full time for  
26 the State of Mississippi and receives his compensation in a direct  
27 payment from a department, agency or institution of the state  
28 government; any person who works full time for any school  
29 district, community/junior college, public library or  
30 university-based program authorized under Section 37-23-31 for  
31 deaf, aphasic and emotionally disturbed children; any regular  
32 nonstudent bus driver; and any retired member of the Public  
33 Employees' Retirement System who is employed by a public school  
34 district as a school bus driver. This term includes legislators,

35 employees of the legislative branch and the judicial branch of the  
36 state, full-time salaried judges and full-time district attorneys  
37 and their staff and full-time compulsory school attendance  
38 officers. For the purposes of this article, any "employee" making  
39 contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System or the  
40 Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System shall be considered a  
41 full-time employee.

42 (b) "Department" means the Department of Finance and  
43 Administration.

44 (c) "Plan" means the State and School Employees Life  
45 and Health Insurance Plan created under this article.

46 (d) "Fund" means the State and School Employees  
47 Insurance Fund set up under this article.

48 (e) "Retiree" means any employee who is retired under  
49 the Public Employees' Retirement System or the Highway Safety  
50 Patrol Retirement System and is receiving a retirement allowance  
51 from either system.

52 (f) "Board" means the State and School Employees Health  
53 Insurance Management Board created under Section 25-15-303.

54 **[From and after July 1 of the year in which Section 25-11-143**  
55 **becomes effective as provided in subsection (1) of Section**  
56 **25-11-143, this section shall read as follows:]**

57 25-15-3. For the purposes of this article, the words and  
58 phrases used in this section shall have the following meanings:

59 (a) "Employee" means any person who works full time for  
60 the State of Mississippi and receives his compensation in a direct  
61 payment from a department, agency or institution of the state  
62 government; any person who works full time for any school  
63 district, community/junior college, public library,  
64 university-based program authorized under Section 37-23-31 for  
65 deaf, aphasic and emotionally disturbed children; and any regular  
66 nonstudent bus driver. This term includes legislators, employees  
67 of the legislative branch and the judicial branch of the state,

68 full-time salaried judges and full-time district attorneys and  
69 their staff, and full-time compulsory school attendance officers.  
70 For the purposes of this article, any "employee" making  
71 contributions to the Public Employees' Retirement System or the  
72 Highway Safety Patrol Retirement System shall be considered a  
73 full-time employee.

74 (b) "Department" means the Department of Finance and  
75 Administration.

76 (c) "Plan" means the State and School Employees Life  
77 and Health Insurance Plan created under this article.

78 (d) "Fund" means the State and School Employees  
79 Insurance Fund set up under this article.

80 (e) "Board" means the State and School Employees Health  
81 Insurance Management Board created under Section 25-15-303.

82 **SECTION 2.** Section 25-15-15, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
83 amended as follows:

84 **[Through June 30 of the year in which Section 25-11-143**  
85 **becomes effective as provided in subsection (1) of Section**  
86 **25-11-143, this section shall read as follows:]**

87 25-15-15. (1) The board is authorized to determine the  
88 manner in which premiums and contributions by the state agencies,  
89 local school districts, colleges, universities, community/junior  
90 colleges and public libraries shall be collected to provide the  
91 self-insured health insurance program for employees as provided  
92 under this article. The state shall provide fifty percent (50%)  
93 of the cost of the above life insurance plan and one hundred  
94 percent (100%) of the cost of the above health insurance plan for  
95 all active full-time employees, and one hundred percent (100%) of  
96 the cost of the above health insurance plan for all retired  
97 members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are  
98 employed by public school districts as school bus drivers. The  
99 employees shall be given the opportunity to purchase coverage for  
100 their eligible dependents with the premiums for such dependent

101 coverage, as well as the employee's fifty percent (50%) share for  
102 his life insurance coverage, to be deductible from the employee's  
103 salary by the agency, department or institution head. Those  
104 deductions, together with the fifty percent (50%) share of such  
105 life insurance premiums of such employing agency, department or  
106 institution head from funds appropriated to or authorized to be  
107 expended by such employing agency, department or institution head,  
108 shall be deposited directly into a depository bank or special fund  
109 in the State Treasury, as determined by the board. These funds  
110 and interest earned on these funds may be used for the  
111 disbursement of claims and shall be exempt from the appropriation  
112 process.

113 (2) The state shall provide annually, by line item in the  
114 Mississippi Library Commission appropriation bill, such funds to  
115 pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of health insurance  
116 under the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all  
117 full-time library staff members in each public library in  
118 Mississippi. The commission shall allot to each public library a  
119 sufficient amount of those funds appropriated to pay the costs of  
120 insurance for eligible employees. Any funds so appropriated by  
121 line item which are not expended during the fiscal year for which  
122 such funds were appropriated shall be carried forward for the same  
123 purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year. If any premiums  
124 for the health insurance and/or late charges and interest  
125 penalties are not paid by a public library in a timely manner, as  
126 defined by the board, the Mississippi Library Commission, upon  
127 notice by the board, shall immediately withhold all subsequent  
128 disbursements of funds to that public library.

129 (3) The state shall annually provide one hundred percent  
130 (100%) of the cost of the health insurance plan for all public  
131 school district employees who work no less than twenty (20) hours  
132 during each week, regular nonstudent school bus drivers, and  
133 retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are

134 employed by public school districts as school bus drivers. Where  
135 federal funding is allowable to defray, in full or in part, the  
136 cost of participation in the program by district employees who  
137 work no less than twenty (20) hours during the week, regular  
138 nonstudent bus drivers, and retired members of the Public  
139 Employees' Retirement System who are employed by public school  
140 districts as school bus drivers, whose salaries are paid, in full  
141 or in part, by federal funds, the allowance under this section  
142 shall be reduced to the extent of such federal funding. Where the  
143 use of federal funds is allowable but not available, it is the  
144 intent of the Legislature that school districts contribute the  
145 cost of participation for such employees from local funds, except  
146 that parent fees for child nutrition programs shall not be  
147 increased to cover such cost.

148 (4) The state shall provide annually, by line item in the  
149 community/junior college appropriation bill, such funds to pay one  
150 hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance plan  
151 for all community/junior college district employees who work no  
152 less than twenty (20) hours during each week.

153 (5) When the use of federal funding is allowable to defray,  
154 in full or in part, the cost of participation in the insurance  
155 plan by community/junior college district employees who work no  
156 less than twenty (20) hours during each week, whose salaries are  
157 paid, in full or in part, by federal funds, the allowance under  
158 this section shall be reduced to the extent of the federal  
159 funding. Where the use of federal funds is allowable but not  
160 available, it is the intent of the Legislature that  
161 community/junior college districts contribute the cost of  
162 participation for such employees from local funds.

163 (6) Any community/junior college district may contribute to  
164 the cost of coverage for any district employee from local  
165 community/junior college district funds, and any public school  
166 district may contribute to the cost of coverage for any district

167 employee from nonminimum program funds. Any part of the cost of  
168 such coverage for participating employees of public school  
169 districts and public community/junior college districts that is  
170 not paid by the state shall be paid by the participating  
171 employees, which shall be deducted from the salaries of the  
172 employees in a manner determined by the board.

173 (7) Any funds appropriated for the cost of insurance by line  
174 item in the community/junior colleges appropriation bill which are  
175 not expended during the fiscal year for which such funds were  
176 appropriated shall be carried forward for the same purposes during  
177 the next succeeding fiscal year.

178 (8) The board may establish and enforce late charges and  
179 interest penalties or other penalties for the purpose of requiring  
180 the prompt payment of all premiums for life and health insurance  
181 permitted under Chapter 15 of Title 25. All funds in excess of  
182 the amount needed for disbursement of claims shall be deposited in  
183 a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the State and  
184 School Employees Insurance Fund. The State Treasurer shall invest  
185 all funds in the State and School Employees Insurance Fund and all  
186 interest earned shall be credited to the State and School  
187 Employees Insurance Fund. Such funds shall be placed with one or  
188 more depositories of the state and invested on the first day such  
189 funds are available for investment in certificates of deposit,  
190 repurchase agreements or in United States Treasury bills or as  
191 otherwise authorized by law for the investment of Public  
192 Employees' Retirement System funds, as long as such investment is  
193 made from competitive offering and at the highest and best market  
194 rate obtainable consistent with any available investment  
195 alternatives; however, such investments shall not be made in  
196 shares of stock, common or preferred, or in any other investments  
197 which would mature more than one (1) year from the date of  
198 investment. The board shall have the authority to draw from this  
199 fund periodically such funds as are necessary to operate the

200 self-insurance plan or to pay to the insurance carrier the cost of  
201 operation of this plan, it being the purpose to limit the amount  
202 of participation by the state to fifty percent (50%) of the cost  
203 of the life insurance program and not to limit the contracting for  
204 additional benefits where the cost will be paid in full by the  
205 employee. The state shall not share in the cost of coverage for  
206 retired employees, except for retired members of the Public  
207 Employees' Retirement System who are employed by public school  
208 districts as school bus drivers.

209 (9) The board shall also provide for the creation of an  
210 Insurance Reserve Fund and funds therein shall be invested by the  
211 State Treasurer with all interest earned credited to the State and  
212 School Employees Insurance Fund.

213 (10) Any retired employee electing to purchase retired life  
214 and health insurance will have the full cost of such insurance  
215 deducted monthly from his State of Mississippi retirement plan  
216 check or direct billed for the cost of the premium if the  
217 retirement check is insufficient to pay for the premium. If the  
218 board determines actuarially that the premium paid by the  
219 participating retirees adversely affects the overall cost of the  
220 plan to the state, then the department may impose a premium  
221 surcharge, not to exceed fifteen percent (15%), upon such  
222 participating retired employees who are under the age for Medicare  
223 eligibility.

224 **[From and after July 1 of the year in which Section 25-11-143**  
225 **becomes effective as provided in subsection (1) of Section**  
226 **25-11-143, this section shall read as follows:]**

227 25-15-15. (1) The board may determine the manner in which  
228 premiums and contributions by the state agencies, local school  
229 districts, colleges, universities, community/junior colleges and  
230 public libraries will be collected to provide the self-insured  
231 health insurance program for employees as provided under this  
232 article. The state shall provide fifty percent (50%) of the cost

233 of the above life insurance plan and one hundred percent (100%) of  
234 the cost of the above health insurance plan for all active  
235 full-time employees. The employees shall be given the opportunity  
236 to purchase coverage for their eligible dependents with the  
237 premiums for the dependent coverage, as well as the employee's  
238 fifty percent (50%) share for his life insurance coverage, to be  
239 deductible from the employee's salary by the agency, department or  
240 institution head. Those deductions, together with the fifty  
241 percent (50%) share of the life insurance premiums of the  
242 employing agency, department or institution head from funds  
243 appropriated to or authorized to be expended by the employing  
244 agency, department or institution head, shall be deposited  
245 directly into a depository bank or special fund in the State  
246 Treasury, as determined by the board. These funds and interest  
247 earned on these funds may be used for the disbursement of claims  
248 and shall be exempt from the appropriation process.

249 (2) The state shall provide annually, by line item in the  
250 Mississippi Library Commission appropriation bill, the funds to  
251 pay one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of health insurance  
252 under the State and School Employees Health Insurance Plan for all  
253 full-time library staff members in each public library in  
254 Mississippi. The commission shall allot to each public library a  
255 sufficient amount of those funds appropriated to pay the costs of  
256 insurance for eligible employees. Any funds so appropriated by  
257 line item that are not expended during the fiscal year for which  
258 the funds were appropriated shall be carried forward for the same  
259 purposes during the next succeeding fiscal year. If any premiums  
260 for the health insurance and/or late charges and interest  
261 penalties are not paid by a public library in a timely manner, as  
262 defined by the board, the Mississippi Library Commission, upon  
263 notice by the board, shall immediately withhold all subsequent  
264 disbursements of funds to that public library.

265           (3) The state shall annually provide one hundred percent  
266 (100%) of the cost of the health insurance plan for all public  
267 school district employees who work no less than twenty (20) hours  
268 during each week and regular nonstudent school bus drivers. Where  
269 federal funding is allowable to defray, in full or in part, the  
270 cost of participation in the program by district employees who  
271 work no less than twenty (20) hours during the week and regular  
272 nonstudent bus drivers, whose salaries are paid, in full or in  
273 part, by federal funds, the allowance under this section shall be  
274 reduced to the extent of that federal funding. Where the use of  
275 federal funds is allowable but not available, it is the intent of  
276 the Legislature that school districts contribute the cost of  
277 participation for the employees from local funds, except that  
278 parent fees for child nutrition programs shall not be increased to  
279 cover that cost.

280           (4) The state shall provide annually, by line item in the  
281 community/junior college appropriation bill, the funds to pay one  
282 hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the health insurance plan  
283 for all community/junior college district employees who work no  
284 less than twenty (20) hours during each week.

285           (5) When the use of federal funding is allowable to defray,  
286 in full or in part, the cost of participation in the insurance  
287 plan by community/junior college district employees who work no  
288 less than twenty (20) hours during each week, whose salaries are  
289 paid, in full or in part, by federal funds, the allowance under  
290 this section shall be reduced to the extent of the federal  
291 funding. Where the use of federal funds is allowable but not  
292 available, it is the intent of the Legislature that  
293 community/junior college districts contribute the cost of  
294 participation for the employees from local funds.

295           (6) Any community/junior college district may contribute to  
296 the cost of coverage for any district employee from local  
297 community/junior college district funds, and any public school

298 district may contribute to the cost of coverage for any district  
299 employee from nonminimum program funds. Any part of the cost of  
300 the coverage for participating employees of public school  
301 districts and public community/junior college districts that is  
302 not paid by the state shall be paid by the participating  
303 employees, which shall be deducted from the salaries of the  
304 employees in a manner determined by the board.

305 (7) Any funds appropriated for the cost of insurance by line  
306 item in the community/junior colleges appropriation bill that are  
307 not expended during the fiscal year for which the funds were  
308 appropriated shall be carried forward for the same purposes during  
309 the next succeeding fiscal year.

310 (8) The board may establish and enforce late charges and  
311 interest penalties or other penalties for the purpose of requiring  
312 the prompt payment of all premiums for life and health insurance  
313 permitted under Chapter 15 of Title 25. All funds in excess of  
314 the amount needed for disbursement of claims shall be deposited in  
315 a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the State and  
316 School Employees Insurance Fund. The State Treasurer shall invest  
317 all funds in the State and School Employees Insurance Fund and all  
318 interest earned shall be credited to the State and School  
319 Employees Insurance Fund. Those funds shall be placed with one or  
320 more depositories of the state and invested on the first day that  
321 the funds are available for investment in certificates of deposit,  
322 repurchase agreements or in United States Treasury bills or as  
323 otherwise authorized by law for the investment of Public  
324 Employees' Retirement System funds, as long as the investment is  
325 made from competitive offering and at the highest and best market  
326 rate obtainable consistent with any available investment  
327 alternatives. However, those investments shall not be made in  
328 shares of stock, common or preferred, or in any other investments  
329 that would mature more than one (1) year from the date of  
330 investment. The board shall have the authority to draw from this

331 fund periodically such funds as are necessary to operate the  
332 self-insurance plan or to pay to the insurance carrier the cost of  
333 operation of this plan, it being the purpose to limit the amount  
334 of participation by the state to fifty percent (50%) of the cost  
335 of the life insurance program and not to limit the contracting for  
336 additional benefits where the cost will be paid in full by the  
337 employee.

338 (9) The board shall also provide for the creation of an  
339 Insurance Reserve Fund, and funds in the reserve fund shall be  
340 invested by the State Treasurer with all interest earned credited  
341 to the State and School Employees Insurance Fund.

342 **SECTION 3.** Section 37-151-95, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
343 amended as follows:

344 37-151-95. Adequate education program funds shall include  
345 one hundred percent (100%) of the cost of the State and School  
346 Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan created under Article 7,  
347 Chapter 15, Title 25, Mississippi Code of 1972, for all district  
348 employees who work no less than twenty (20) hours during each  
349 week, regular nonstudent school bus drivers employed by the  
350 district, and retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement  
351 System who are employed by the district as school bus drivers.

352 Where the use of federal funding is allowable to defray, in  
353 full or in part, the cost of participation in the insurance plan  
354 by district employees who work no less than twenty (20) hours  
355 during each week, regular nonstudent school bus drivers, and  
356 retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System who are  
357 employed by the district as school bus drivers, whose salaries are  
358 paid, in full or in part, by federal funds, the allowance under  
359 this section shall be reduced to the extent of the federal  
360 funding. Where the use of federal funds is allowable but not  
361 available, it is the intent of the Legislature that school  
362 districts contribute the cost of participation for such employees

363 from local funds, except that parent fees for child nutrition  
364 programs shall not be increased to cover such cost.

365 The State Department of Education, in accordance with rules  
366 and regulations established by the State Board of Education, may  
367 withhold a school district's adequate education program funds for  
368 failure of the district to timely report student, fiscal and  
369 personnel data necessary to meet state and/or federal  
370 requirements. The rules and regulations promulgated by the State  
371 Board of Education shall require the withholding of adequate  
372 education program funds for those districts that fail to remit  
373 premiums, interest penalties and/or late charges under the State  
374 and School Employees' Life and Health Insurance Plan.  
375 Noncompliance with such rules and regulations shall result in a  
376 violation of compulsory accreditation standards as established by  
377 the State Board of Education and Commission on School  
378 Accreditation.

379 **SECTION 4.** Section 25-11-127, Mississippi Code of 1972, is  
380 amended as follows:

381 25-11-127. (1) (a) No person who is being paid a  
382 retirement allowance or a pension after retirement under this  
383 article shall be employed or paid for any service by the State of  
384 Mississippi, except as provided in this section.

385 (b) No retiree of this retirement system who is  
386 reemployed or is reelected to office after retirement shall  
387 continue to draw retirement benefits while so reemployed, except  
388 as provided in this section.

389 (c) No person employed or elected under the exceptions  
390 provided for in this section shall become a member under Article 3  
391 of the retirement system.

392 (2) Any person who has been retired under the provisions of  
393 Article 3 and who is later reemployed in service covered by this  
394 article shall cease to receive benefits under this article and  
395 shall again become a contributing member of the retirement system.

396 When the person retires again, if the reemployment exceeds six (6)  
397 months, the person shall have his or her benefit recomputed,  
398 including service after again becoming a member, provided that the  
399 total retirement allowance paid to the retired member in his or  
400 her previous retirement shall be deducted from the member's  
401 retirement reserve and taken into consideration in recalculating  
402 the retirement allowance under a new option selected.

403 (3) The board shall have the right to prescribe rules and  
404 regulations for carrying out the provisions of this section.

405 (4) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to  
406 prohibit any retiree, regardless of age, from being employed and  
407 drawing a retirement allowance either:

408 (a) For a period of time not to exceed one-half (1/2)  
409 of the normal working days for the position in any fiscal year  
410 during which the retiree will receive no more than one-half (1/2)  
411 of the salary in effect for the position at the time of  
412 employment, or

413 (b) For a period of time in any fiscal year sufficient  
414 in length to permit a retiree to earn not in excess of twenty-five  
415 percent (25%) of retiree's average compensation.

416 To determine the normal working days for a position under  
417 paragraph (a) of this subsection, the employer shall determine the  
418 required number of working days for the position on a full-time  
419 basis and the equivalent number of hours representing the  
420 full-time position. The retiree then may work up to one-half  
421 (1/2) of the required number of working days or up to one-half  
422 (1/2) of the equivalent number of hours and receive up to one-half  
423 (1/2) of the salary for the position. In the case of employment  
424 with multiple employers, the limitation shall equal one-half (1/2)  
425 of the number of days or hours for a single full-time position.

426 Notice shall be given in writing to the executive director,  
427 setting forth the facts upon which the employment is being made,  
428 and the notice shall be given within five (5) days from the date

429 of employment and also from the date of termination of the  
430 employment.

431 For the purposes of this subsection (4), the amount paid by  
432 the state for the cost of the health insurance premiums for  
433 retirees who are employed by public school districts as school bus  
434 drivers, as provided in Section 25-15-15, shall not be considered  
435 as part of the salary or the earned compensation of those  
436 retirees.

437 (5) Any member may continue in municipal or county elected  
438 office or be elected to a municipal or county office, provided  
439 that the person:

440 (a) Files annually, in writing, in the office of the  
441 employer and the office of the executive director of the system  
442 before the person takes office or as soon as possible after  
443 retirement, a waiver of all salary or compensation and elects to  
444 receive in lieu of that salary or compensation a retirement  
445 allowance as provided in this section, in which event no salary or  
446 compensation shall thereafter be due or payable for those  
447 services; however, any such officer or employee may receive, in  
448 addition to the retirement allowance, office expense allowance,  
449 mileage or travel expense authorized by any statute of the State  
450 of Mississippi; or

451 (b) Elects to receive compensation for that elective  
452 office in an amount not to exceed twenty-five percent (25%) of the  
453 retiree's average compensation. As used in this paragraph, the  
454 term "compensation" shall not include office expense allowance,  
455 mileage or travel expense authorized by a statute of the State of  
456 Mississippi. In order to receive compensation as allowed in this  
457 paragraph, the member shall file annually, in writing, in the  
458 office of the employer and the office of the executive director of  
459 the system, an election to receive, in addition to a retirement  
460 allowance, compensation as allowed in this paragraph.

461           **SECTION 5.** Any public school district that employed one or  
462 more retired members of the Public Employees' Retirement System as  
463 school bus drivers for the district during the period from  
464 September 1, 2003, through the effective date of this act may  
465 reimburse those employees for all or part of the amount of the  
466 health insurance premiums that the employees paid to the State and  
467 School Employees Life and Health Insurance Plan during that time.  
468 Those school districts may use any Mississippi Adequate Education  
469 Program funds available to the district to make the reimbursement  
470 authorized under this section.

471           **SECTION 6.** This act shall take effect and be in force from  
472 and after its passage.