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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 578

## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT CONCERNING INSURANCE BENEFITS OF THE  
9 DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE; AND FOR OTHER  
10 PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

14 CONCERNING INSURANCE BENEFITS OF THE  
15 DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS STATE POLICE.

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

20 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 12-8-210 is amended to read as follows:

21 12-8-210. Insurance – Medical and hospital.

22 (a)(1) The Department of Arkansas State Police ~~is authorized and~~  
23 ~~directed to~~ shall obtain a policy or contract of medical and hospital  
24 insurance or to establish a self-insurance fund in lieu thereof to provide  
25 medical and hospital insurance for all ~~uniformed~~ eligible employees of the  
26 department.

27 (2) The department shall pay the premium, fee, or other costs  
28 for the policy or contract or payments into a self-insurance fund from funds  
29 appropriated to the department for personal service matching or which may be  
30 specifically appropriated for that purpose.

31 (b) The department ~~is authorized to~~ may provide hospitalization and  
32 medical services coverage under a group health insurance program or may in  
33 lieu thereof provide coverage for hospitalization and medical insurance  
34 services under a self-insurance program established by the department for the  
35 spouses and dependents of ~~uniformed personnel~~ eligible employees of the  
36 department and ~~to~~ pay the premium thereon or payments into the self-insurance



1 fund from funds appropriated for that purpose.

2 (c) In the event that the department, acting pursuant to a resolution  
3 adopted by the Arkansas State Police Commission therefor, exercises the  
4 option to establish a self-insurance program, this program shall provide  
5 hospitalization and medical services coverage for ~~uniformed~~ eligible  
6 employees of the department and for the spouses and dependents of ~~uniformed~~  
7 ~~personnel~~ eligible employees of the department as authorized in this section  
8 and shall be operated in accordance with policies, rules, procedures, and  
9 benefits prescribed by the commission.

10 (d) Members of the department who retire and receive retirement  
11 benefits under the State Police Retirement System after July 1, 1985, shall  
12 be eligible to participate in the group health self-insurance program  
13 established by the commission for ~~uniformed personnel~~ eligible employees and  
14 for their spouses and dependents in the same manner and under the same  
15 conditions as provided in §§ 21-5-410 – 21-5-412, which authorize retired  
16 state employees receiving retirement benefits under the Arkansas Public  
17 Employees' Retirement System to participate in the ~~state employees'~~  
18 ~~hospitalization and medical insurance program~~ State and Public School Life  
19 and Health Insurance Program.

20 (e) As used in this section, "eligible employee" means an employee or  
21 individual who is a full-time employee of the department and is qualified to  
22 enroll in a health benefit plan offered by the department or the State and  
23 Public School Life and Health Insurance Program.

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