

HOUSE BILL No. 2888

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10 AN ACT relating to the state health care benefits program; concerning
11 public school district participation; amending K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 75-
12 6506 and repealing the existing section.
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14 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

15 Section 1. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 75-6506 is hereby amended to read as
16 follows: 75-6506. (a) The participation of a person qualified to participate
17 in the state health care benefits program shall be voluntary, and the cost
18 of the state health care benefits program for such person shall be estab-
19 lished by the Kansas state employees health care commission.

20 (b) Periodic deductions from state payrolls may be made in accord-
21 ance with procedures prescribed by the secretary of administration to
22 cover the costs of the state health care benefits program payable by per-
23 sons who are on the state payroll when authorized by such persons. Any
24 such periodic payroll deductions in effect on an implementation date for
25 biweekly payroll periods shall be collected in the manner prescribed by
26 the secretary of administration.

27 (c) In the event that the Kansas state employees health care com-
28 mission designates by rules and regulations a group of persons on the
29 payroll of a county, township, city, special district or other local govern-
30 mental entity, public school district, licensed child care facility operated
31 by a not-for-profit corporation providing residential group foster care for
32 children and receiving reimbursement for all or part of such care from
33 the department of social and rehabilitation services, nonprofit community
34 mental health center, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amend-
35 ments thereto, nonprofit community facility for the mentally retarded, as
36 provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, or nonprofit
37 independent living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-5101 and amendments
38 thereto, as qualified to participate in the state health care benefits pro-
39 gram, periodic deductions from payrolls of the local governmental entity,
40 public school district, licensed child care facility operated by a not-for-
41 profit corporation providing residential group foster care for children and
42 receiving reimbursement for all or part of such care from the department
43 of social and rehabilitation services, nonprofit community mental health

1 center, as provided in K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto,
2 nonprofit community facility for the mentally retarded, as provided in
3 K.S.A. 19-4001 et seq., and amendments thereto, or nonprofit independ-
4 ent living agency, as defined in K.S.A. 65-5101, and amendments thereto,
5 may be made to cover the costs of the state health care benefits program
6 payable by such persons when authorized by such persons. All such mon-
7 eys deducted from payrolls shall be remitted to the Kansas state employ-
8 ees health care commission in accordance with the directions of the
9 commission.

10 (d) *Except as provided in subsection (e), on and after July 1, 2002,*
11 *whenever the Kansas state employees health care commission designates*
12 *any entity listed in subsection (c) as qualified to participate in the state*
13 *health care benefits program, such entity's participation shall be condi-*
14 *tioned upon the following:*

15 (1) *At least 70% of such entity's employees shall participate in the*
16 *state health care plan;*

17 (2) *except as provided by paragraph ~~(6)~~ (7) of this subsection, the rate*
18 *of the premium paid by the entity as the employer's share of the total*
19 *amount of premium paid shall be at least equal to the rate paid by the*
20 *state of Kansas for its employees;*

21 (3) *the entity shall not create, maintain or permit any exemption from*
22 *participation in the state health care plan for such entity's employees;*

23 (4) *the rate charged to such entity shall be sufficient to pay for any*
24 *administrative or underwriting costs incurred by the state employees*
25 *health care commission;*

26 (5) *the rate charged to such entity shall not increase the rate of pre-*
27 *mium paid by the state of Kansas for its employees;*

28 (6) *the entity shall elect to participate for a minimum of three con-*
29 *secutive years in the state health care benefits program; and*

30 (7) *the commission may authorize an entity to pay less than the state*
31 *rate for the employee coverage for no more than three years and no more*
32 *than five years for dependent coverage on the condition that the entity*
33 *elects to participate for at least three consecutive years after first paying*
34 *the state rate for employee coverage.*

35 (e) *On and after July 1, 2008, when a public school district fails to*
36 *meet the requirements under subsection (d), to qualify to participate in*
37 *the state health care benefit program, the Kansas state employee health*
38 *care commission may allow such school district's participation if the com-*
39 *mission separately rates such school district's group and makes a deter-*
40 *mination as to the premium rate for such school district group. The rate*
41 *of premium paid by the school district shall equal the rate paid by the*
42 *state of Kansas for its employees plus any additional premium calculated*
43 *by the commission.*

- 1 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2007 Supp. 75-6506 is hereby repealed.
- 2 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its
- 3 publication in the statute book.