

## HOUSE BILL No. 2931

By Committee on Appropriations

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9 AN ACT concerning the state health care benefits program; relating to  
10 participation of public school districts; amending K.S.A. 2003 Supp.  
11 75-6506 and repealing the existing section.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 75-6506 is hereby amended to read as  
15 follows: 75-6506. (a) The participation of a person qualified to participate  
16 in the state health care benefits program shall be voluntary, and the cost  
17 of the state health care benefits program for such person shall be estab-  
18 lished by the Kansas state employees health care commission.

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

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

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

9 (d) ~~On and after July 1, 2002,~~ Whenever the Kansas state employees  
10 health care commission designates any entity listed in subsection (c) as  
11 qualified to participate in the state health care benefits program, such  
12 entity's participation shall be conditioned upon the following:

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

15 (2) except as provided by paragraph ~~(6)~~ (7) or (8) of this subsection,  
16 the rate of the premium paid by the entity as the employer's share of the  
17 total amount of premium paid shall be at least equal to the rate paid by  
18 the state of Kansas for its employees;

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

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

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

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

28 (7) the commission may authorize an entity, *other than a public*  
29 *school district*, to pay less than the state rate for the employee coverage  
30 for no more than three years and no more than five years for dependent  
31 coverage on the condition that the entity elects to participate for at least  
32 three consecutive years after first paying the state rate for employee cov-  
33 erage; *and*

34 (8) *the rate of the premium paid by a public school district as the*  
35 *employer's share of the total amount of premium may be less than the*  
36 *rate paid by the state of Kansas for its employees.*

37 Sec. 2. K.S.A. 2003 Supp. 75-6506 is hereby repealed.

38 Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its  
39 publication in the statute book.