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ENROLLED, An Act,

To amend Section 36-29-14 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2012-234 of the 2012 Regular Session, relating to the election of certain agencies to be eligible for health insurance coverage under the State Employees' Insurance Board; to allow the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and its member Children's Advocacy Centers to elect to participate in the state health insurance coverage.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. Section 36-29-14 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2012-234 of the 2012 Regular Session, is amended to read as follows:

"§36-29-14.

"(a) Any agency of the state, or any governmental entity, body, or subdivision thereto, any county, any municipality, any municipal foundation, any fire or water district, authority, or cooperative, any regional planning and development commission established pursuant to Sections 11-85-50 through 11-85-73, that is not and was not for the 12 months immediately preceding the date of application to participate in any plan created pursuant to the provisions of this article a member of an existing government sponsored health insurance program, formed under the provisions of Section 11-26-2, the Association of County Commissions of

1 Alabama or the Alabama League of Municipalities, the Alabama
2 Retired State Employees' Association, the Alabama State
3 Employees Credit Union, Easter Seals Alabama, Alabama State
4 University, the Alabama Rural Water Association, Rainbow
5 Omega, Incorporated, The Arc of Alabama, Incorporated, and any
6 of the affiliated local chapters of The Arc of Alabama,
7 Incorporated, United Ways of Alabama and its member United
8 Ways, the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and
9 its member Children's Advocacy Centers, any railroad authority
10 organized pursuant to Chapter 13, Title 37, or any solid waste
11 disposal authority organized pursuant to Chapter 89A, Title
12 11, by resolution legally adopted to conform to rules
13 prescribed by the State Employees' Insurance Board, may elect
14 to have its officers, members, employees, and retired
15 employees become eligible for health insurance coverage under
16 the State Employees' Insurance Board without any liability to
17 the state or the State Employees' Health Insurance Plan.

18 "(b) Acceptance of the employees identified in
19 subsection (a) shall be optional with the State Employees'
20 Insurance Board.

21 "(c) Employees, officers, members, and retirees who
22 are eligible for health insurance pursuant to this section
23 shall be entitled to coverage and benefits as designated by
24 the State Employees' Insurance Board.

1 "(d) Any portion of the cost of the insurance
2 coverage as determined by the State Employees' Insurance Board
3 for the employees, officers, members, and retirees and their
4 dependents pursuant to this section may be paid by the
5 employer.

6 "(e) The chief fiscal officer of each employer shall
7 remit to the State Employees' Insurance Board the amount of
8 premiums required for employee and dependent coverage under
9 this section. The employer shall furnish the necessary
10 information to the State Employees' Insurance Board.

11 "(f) The agreement of any employer to have its
12 employees, officers, members, and retirees to be covered under
13 the health insurance plan provided by the State Employees'
14 Insurance Board may be revoked only by complying with the
15 following provisions:

16 "The employer, by resolution of the governing body,
17 shall signify its intention and desire to withdraw from such
18 plan in writing and by delivering a copy of such resolution by
19 certified mail to the State Employees' Insurance Board no
20 later than six months prior to the effective date of
21 withdrawal. Any employer that withdraws from participation in
22 such plan shall be responsible for paying its claims incurred
23 prior to the date of withdrawal, but not reported and paid
24 prior to the date of withdrawal. The withdrawing employer
25 shall also be liable for interest which will accrue at a rate

1 of one and one-half percent per month on any monies due to the
2 State Employees' Insurance Board which are over 30 days past
3 due. Any organization which provides or administers health
4 insurance benefits through the Local Government Health
5 Insurance Program shall not provide or administer health
6 insurance benefits to any entity which withdraws from the
7 Local Government Health Insurance Program for a period of two
8 years from the effective date of withdrawal.

9 "(g) The State Employees' Insurance Board shall
10 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for
11 the effective administration of the provisions of this
12 section.

13 "(h) In addition, the State Employees' Insurance
14 Board shall engage such actuarial and other special services
15 as shall be required to transact the business of the board.
16 The compensation of all persons engaged by the board, with the
17 exception of clerical employees who shall be employed under
18 the Merit System Act, and all other expenses of the board
19 necessary for the operation of the board shall be paid at such
20 rates and in such amounts as the board shall approve."

21 Section 2. This act shall become effective
22 immediately following its passage and approval by the
23 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 24-APR-13.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate

20-MAY-2013

Passed