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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, certain entities may be
9 eligible for health insurance coverage under the
10 State Employees' Insurance Board without liability
11 to the state or to the State Employees' Health
12 Insurance Plan.

13 This bill would allow the Alabama Network of
14 Children's Advocacy Centers and its member
15 Children's Advocacy Centers to elect to participate
16 in the state health insurance coverage.

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18 A BILL

19 TO BE ENTITLED

20 AN ACT

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22 To amend Section 36-29-14 of the Code of Alabama
23 1975, as amended by Act 2012-234 of the 2012 Regular Session,
24 relating to the election of certain agencies to be eligible
25 for health insurance coverage under the State Employees'
26 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 Alabama or the Alabama League of Municipalities, the Alabama Retired State Employees' Association, the Alabama State Employees Credit Union, Easter Seals Alabama, Alabama State University, the Alabama Rural Water Association, Rainbow Omega, Incorporated, The Arc of Alabama, Incorporated, and any of the affiliated local chapters of The Arc of Alabama, Incorporated, United Ways of Alabama and its member United Ways, the Alabama Network of Children's Advocacy Centers and its member Children's Advocacy Centers, any railroad authority

1 organized pursuant to Chapter 13, Title 37, or any solid waste
2 disposal authority organized pursuant to Chapter 89A, Title
3 11, by resolution legally adopted to conform to rules
4 prescribed by the State Employees' Insurance Board, may elect
5 to have its officers, members, employees, and retired
6 employees become eligible for health insurance coverage under
7 the State Employees' Insurance Board without any liability to
8 the state or the State Employees' Health Insurance Plan.

9 "(b) Acceptance of the employees identified in
10 subsection (a) shall be optional with the State Employees'
11 Insurance Board.

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

16 "(d) Any portion of the cost of the insurance
17 coverage as determined by the State Employees' Insurance Board
18 for the employees, officers, members, and retirees and their
19 dependents pursuant to this section may be paid by the
20 employer.

21 "(e) The chief fiscal officer of each employer shall
22 remit to the State Employees' Insurance Board the amount of
23 premiums required for employee and dependent coverage under
24 this section. The employer shall furnish the necessary
25 information to the State Employees' Insurance Board.

26 "(f) The agreement of any employer to have its
27 employees, officers, members, and retirees to be covered under

1 the health insurance plan provided by the State Employees'
2 Insurance Board may be revoked only by complying with the
3 following provisions:

4 "The employer, by resolution of the governing body,
5 shall signify its intention and desire to withdraw from such
6 plan in writing and by delivering a copy of such resolution by
7 certified mail to the State Employees' Insurance Board no
8 later than six months prior to the effective date of
9 withdrawal. Any employer that withdraws from participation in
10 such plan shall be responsible for paying its claims incurred
11 prior to the date of withdrawal, but not reported and paid
12 prior to the date of withdrawal. The withdrawing employer
13 shall also be liable for interest which will accrue at a rate
14 of one and one-half percent per month on any monies due to the
15 State Employees' Insurance Board which are over 30 days past
16 due. Any organization which provides or administers health
17 insurance benefits through the Local Government Health
18 Insurance Program shall not provide or administer health
19 insurance benefits to any entity which withdraws from the
20 Local Government Health Insurance Program for a period of two
21 years from the effective date of withdrawal.

22 "(g) The State Employees' Insurance Board shall
23 promulgate such rules and regulations as may be necessary for
24 the effective administration of the provisions of this
25 section.

26 "(h) In addition, the State Employees' Insurance
27 Board shall engage such actuarial and other special services

1 as shall be required to transact the business of the board.

2 The compensation of all persons engaged by the board, with the
3 exception of clerical employees who shall be employed under
4 the Merit System Act, and all other expenses of the board
5 necessary for the operation of the board shall be paid at such
6 rates and in such amounts as the board shall approve."

7 Section 2. This act shall become effective
8 immediately following its passage and approval by the
9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.