

Substitute Teachers Paying the Price for ObamaCare

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Incoming Affordable Care Act mandates are reportedly "playing havoc" with substitute teaching programs in some districts.

Under the new program, school systems will have to limit a substitute's hours to below 29, or be forced to provide them with health care. That would [drive up costs exponentially](#).

Domoine Rutledge, general counsel for the school system, said the school system has elected to limit the hours of substitute teachers in advance of the implementation next year of a federal "employer mandate," which is part of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. The per-employee penalty for not providing insurance to workers who clock more than 30 hours a week is \$2,000, he said.

"There is no exception for the public sector," Rutledge said. "We have to abide by it."