

1-1 By: Huffman S.B. No. 7
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed August 6, 2021; August 7, 2021, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; August 7, 2021,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 12, Nays 0;
 1-5 August 7, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under the
 1-26 Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. (a) Subject to Subsection (i) of this section
 1-29 and Section 821.006, Government Code, the Teacher Retirement System
 1-30 of Texas shall make a one-time supplemental payment of a retirement
 1-31 or death benefit, as provided by this section.

1-32 (b) The supplemental payment is payable not later than
 1-33 January 2022 and, to the extent practicable, on a date or dates that
 1-34 coincide with the regular annuity payment payable to each eligible
 1-35 annuitant.

1-36 (c) The amount of the supplemental payment is equal to the
 1-37 lesser of:

1-38 (1) the gross amount of the regular annuity payment to
 1-39 which the eligible annuitant is otherwise entitled for the calendar
 1-40 month immediately prior to the calendar month in which the Teacher
 1-41 Retirement System of Texas issues the one-time supplemental payment
 1-42 in accordance with Subsection (b) of this section; or

1-43 (2) \$2,400.

1-44 (d) The supplemental payment is payable without regard to
 1-45 any forfeiture of benefits under Section 824.601, Government Code.
 1-46 The Teacher Retirement System of Texas shall make applicable tax
 1-47 withholding and other legally required deductions before
 1-48 disbursing the supplemental payment. A supplemental payment under
 1-49 this section is in addition to and not in lieu of the regular
 1-50 monthly annuity payment to which the eligible annuitant is
 1-51 otherwise entitled.

1-52 (e) Subject to Subsection (f) of this section, to be
 1-53 eligible for the supplemental payment, a person must be, for the
 1-54 calendar month immediately prior to the calendar month in which the
 1-55 Teacher Retirement System of Texas issues the one-time supplemental
 1-56 payment in accordance with Subsection (b) of this section, and
 1-57 disregarding any forfeiture of benefits under Section 824.601,
 1-58 Government Code, an annuitant eligible to receive:

1-59 (1) a standard retirement annuity payment;

1-60 (2) an optional retirement annuity payment as either a
 1-61 retiree or beneficiary;

2-1 (3) a life annuity payment under Section
2-2 824.402(a)(4), Government Code;

2-3 (4) an annuity for a guaranteed period of 60 months
2-4 under Section 824.402(a)(3), Government Code; or

2-5 (5) an alternate payee annuity payment under Section
2-6 804.005, Government Code.

2-7 (f) If the annuitant is a retiree or a beneficiary under an
2-8 optional retirement payment plan, to be eligible for the
2-9 supplemental payment, the effective date of the retirement of the
2-10 member of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas must have been on
2-11 or before December 31, 2020. If the annuitant is a beneficiary
2-12 under Section 824.402(a)(3) or (4), Government Code, to be eligible
2-13 for the supplemental payment, the date of death of the member of the
2-14 retirement system must have been on or before December 31, 2020.
2-15 The supplemental payment shall be made to an alternate payee who is
2-16 an annuitant under Section 804.005, Government Code, only if the
2-17 annuity payment to the alternate payee commenced on or before
2-18 December 31, 2020. The supplemental payment is in addition to the
2-19 guaranteed number of payments under Section 824.204(c)(3) or (4),
2-20 Section 824.308(c)(3) or (4), or Section 824.402(a)(3), Government
2-21 Code, and may not be counted as one of the guaranteed monthly
2-22 payments.

2-23 (g) The supplemental payment does not apply to payments
2-24 under:

2-25 (1) Section 824.304(a), Government Code, relating to
2-26 disability retirees with less than 10 years of service credit;

2-27 (2) Section 824.804(b), Government Code, relating to
2-28 participants in the deferred retirement option plan with regard to
2-29 payments from their deferred retirement option plan accounts;

2-30 (3) Section 824.501(a), Government Code, relating to
2-31 retiree survivor beneficiaries who receive a survivor annuity in an
2-32 amount fixed by statute; or

2-33 (4) Section 824.404(a), Government Code, relating to
2-34 active member survivor beneficiaries who receive a survivor annuity
2-35 in an amount fixed by statute.

2-36 (h) The board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System
2-37 of Texas shall determine the eligibility for and the amount and
2-38 timing of a supplemental payment and the manner in which the payment
2-39 is made.

2-40 (i) The Teacher Retirement System of Texas is required to
2-41 make a one-time supplemental payment of benefits under this section
2-42 only if the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System of
2-43 Texas finds that the legislature appropriated money to the
2-44 retirement system in an amount sufficient to provide the
2-45 payment. The amount appropriated by the legislature to provide the
2-46 payment must be in addition to the amount the state is required to
2-47 contribute to the retirement system under Section 825.404,
2-48 Government Code. If the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement
2-49 System of Texas finds that the legislature did not appropriate
2-50 money in an amount sufficient to provide a one-time supplemental
2-51 payment of benefits under this section, the retirement system may
2-52 not make the payment.

2-53 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-54 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
2-55 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-56 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-57 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
2-58 legislative session.

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