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H.B. No. 572

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the purchase of military service credit in the  
3 Employees Retirement System of Texas.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

5 SECTION 1. Section 811.001, Government Code, is amended by  
6 adding Subdivisions (16-a), (16-b), and (17-a) to read as follows:

7 (16-a) "State active duty" has the meaning assigned by  
8 Section 437.001.

9 (16-b) "State training and other duty" has the meaning  
10 assigned by Section 437.001.

11 (17-a) "Texas military forces" has the meaning  
12 assigned by Section 437.001.

13 SECTION 2. Section 813.301(a), Government Code, is amended  
14 to read as follows:

15 (a) Military service creditable in the retirement system  
16 is:

17 (1) active federal duty as a member of the armed forces  
18 of the United States; or

19 (2) state active duty or state training and other duty  
20 as a member of the Texas military forces.

21 SECTION 3. Section 813.304(b), Government Code, is amended  
22 to read as follows:

23 (b) The retirement system shall use military service credit  
24 in computing service retirement or nonoccupational disability

1 retirement benefits of a member of the employee class, regardless  
2 of the amount of service credit the member has in that class [~~only~~  
3 ~~if the member has, without military service credit, at least five~~  
4 ~~years of service credit in that class~~].

5 SECTION 4. Section 820.021, Government Code, is amended to  
6 read as follows:

7 Sec. 820.021. CREDITABLE MILITARY SERVICE; RULES. (a)  
8 Military service creditable in the retirement system under this  
9 subchapter is:

10 (1) active federal duty as a member of the armed forces  
11 of the United States; or

12 (2) state active duty or state training and other duty  
13 as a member of the Texas military forces.

14 (b) The board of trustees shall adopt rules to comply with  
15 the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of  
16 1994 (38 U.S.C. Section 4301 et seq.) and otherwise implement this  
17 subchapter, including rules governing how a member subject to this  
18 chapter may establish military service credit under this  
19 subchapter.

20 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.