

Amend CSSB 1370 (Senate committee printing) as follows:

(1) Strike SECTION 1.01 of the bill (page 1, lines 16-21).

(2) In SECTION 1.02 of the bill, strike amended Section 2(a), Article 3.50-8, Insurance Code (page 1, lines 25-35), and substitute:

(a) Each year, the trustee shall deliver to each school district, including a school district that is ineligible for state aid under Chapter 42, Education Code, each other educational district that is a member of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas, each participating charter school, and each regional education service center state funds in an amount, as determined by the trustee, equal to:

(1) the product of the number of full-time active employees employed by the district, school, or service center, other than in the capacity of professional staff, multiplied by \$500 [~~\$1,000~~] or a greater amount as provided by the General Appropriations Act for purposes of this article; and

(2) the product of the number of part-time active employees employed by the district, school, or service center, other than in the capacity of professional staff, multiplied by \$250 or a greater amount as provided by the General Appropriations Act for purposes of this article.

(3) In SECTION 2.03 of the bill, in amended Section 1551.102(a), Insurance Code (page 2, lines 28-29), strike "in accordance with this section".

(4) In SECTION 2.04 of the bill, in amended Section 1551.102(d)(2), Insurance Code, strike Paragraph (A) (page 3, lines 12-17) and substitute the following:

(A) is at least 65 years of age, or would have been eligible to retire and receive a service retirement annuity from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas or the Employees Retirement System of Texas in an amount such that the sum of the person's age and amount of service credit, including months of age and credit, equals or exceeds the number 80 or would have been eligible to retire and receive a disability retirement annuity from the Teacher Retirement System of Texas or the Employees Retirement System of Texas, [based on at least 10 years of service credit] if

the individual had not elected to participate in the optional retirement program; or

(5) In SECTION 2.10 of the bill, in the recital (page 4, line 57), strike "Subsection (c)" and substitute "Subsections (c) and (d)".

(6) In SECTION 2.10 of the bill, in added Section 1551.319(c), Insurance Code (page 4, line 64), strike "section" and substitute "chapter".

(7) Following SECTION 2.10 of the bill (page 4, between lines 64 and 65), insert:

(d) This section does not prohibit an institution of higher education from contributing, from money not appropriated from the general revenue fund, amounts in excess of the state contribution for a part-time employee described by Section 1551.101(e)(2).

(8) In ARTICLE 3 of the bill, following the heading of the article (page 5, between lines 1 and 2), insert the following new SECTION, appropriately numbered:

SECTION 3.____. Section 1575.002, Insurance Code, as effective June 1, 2003, is amended by repealing Subdivision (2), amending Subdivisions (1), (3), (4), and (7) and adding Subdivision (6-a) to conform to Section 3.03, Chapter 1187, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001, and to conform more closely to the source law from which the section was derived, and further amended to read as follows:

(1) "Active employee" means a contributing member of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas ~~[an employee as defined by Section 821.001, Government Code,~~ who:

(A) is employed by a public school ~~[a member of the system]~~; and

(B) is not entitled to coverage under a plan provided under Chapter 1551 or 1601.

(3) "Carrier" means an insurance company or hospital service corporation authorized by the department under this code or another insurance law of this state to provide any of the insurance coverages, benefits, or services provided by this chapter.

(4) "Fund" means the retired ~~[Texas public]~~ school employees group insurance fund.

(6-a) "Public school" means:

(A) a school district;

(B) another educational district whose employees are members of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas;

(C) a regional education service center established under Chapter 8, Education Code; or

(D) an open-enrollment charter school established under Subchapter D, Chapter 12, Education Code.

(7) "Trustee" [~~"System"~~] means the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

(9) In SECTION 3.02 of the bill, strike amended Section 1575.204, Insurance Code (page 5, lines 9-19), and substitute:

Sec. 1575.204. PUBLIC SCHOOL CONTRIBUTION [~~RATIO OF STATE AND ACTIVE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS~~]. Each state fiscal year, each public school shall contribute to the fund the amount prescribed by the General Appropriations Act, which may not be less than 0.25 percent or greater than 0.75 percent of the salary of each active employee of the public school. The public school shall make the contributions on a monthly basis and as otherwise prescribed by the trustee [~~If the amount of state and active employee contributions to the fund is raised by the legislature above the percentages provided by Sections 1575.202 and 1575.203 to provide adequate funding for the group program, the ratio between the state's contribution and the active employees' contributions must be maintained at two to one~~].

(10) In SECTION 4.04 of the bill, in amended Section 1601.201(c), Insurance Code, between "the system" and "may contribute" (page 6, line 14), insert: ", from money appropriated from the general revenue fund,".

(11) In SECTION 4.04 of the bill, in amended Section 1601.201(c), Insurance Code, between "coverage" and "~~shall~~" (page 6, line 18), insert:

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(d) Subsection (c) does not prohibit a system from contributing, from money not appropriated from the general revenue fund, amounts in excess of the amount specified by that subsection for an individual employed by the system in a position that as a

condition of employment requires the individual to be enrolled as a student in the system in graduate level courses

(12) Renumber SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.