1-1 Brown of Brazos (Senate Sponsor - Hinojosa) H.B. No. 264 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 12, 2003; May 13, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Education; May 22, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0; May 22, 2003, sent to printer.) 1-2 1-3 1-4 1-5

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to supplemental contributions to the optional retirement program by institutions of higher education.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 830, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 830.2015 to read as follows:

Sec. 830.2015. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRIBUTIONS INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION. (a) Each fiscal year, the governing board of an institution of higher education may make a contribution to the optional retirement program as provided by this section. The governing board may use any source of funds for the contri<u>bution.</u>

(b) A contribution under this section may be any amount that is equal to or less than the difference between the amount the state is required to contribute under Section 830.201 to the benefit of each participant employed by the institution of higher education and the amount the state appropriates for that purpose.

(c) The governing board of an institution of education may contribute an amount under this section benefit of a participant employed by an institution of higher to the higher education on or before August 31, 1995, that is different from the amount the governing board contributes to the benefit of a participant employed by an institution of higher education after that date.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2003.

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