Smith of Tarrant (Senate Sponsor - Harris) H.B. No. 3237 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 7, 2003; May 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs; May 23, 2003, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; May 23, 2003, sent to printer.)

> A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

relating to the payment of retirement benefits to retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas who are employed as substitute teachers and in other public school positions in the same month.

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

SECTION 1. Section 824.602, Government Code, is amended by amending Subsection (e) and adding Subsections (n) and (o) to read as follows:

- (e) Except as provided by Subsections (n) and (o), the exception provided by Subsection (a) does not apply to a [A] retiree working as a substitute under Subsection (a)(1) who also works in another position described by Subsection (a) in the same [a] month [is not eligible for an exception to a loss of benefits for that month pursuant to Subsection (a)(2) or (a)(4) for that or any other employment in a public educational institution].
- (n) The exception provided by Subsection (a) applies to a retiree employed in positions under Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2) in the same month only if the total number of days that the retiree works in those positions in that month do not exceed the number of days per month for work on a one-half-time basis.
- (o) The exception provided by Subsection (a) applies to a disability retiree employed in positions under Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(4) in the same month only if the total number of days that the disability retiree works in those positions in that month do not exceed the number of days per month for work on a one-half-time basis.

SECTION 2. Section 824.602, Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with the 2003-2004 school year.

SECTION 3. 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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