

Suspending limitations on conference committee
jurisdiction, S.B. No. 1370

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S.R. No. 1051

SENATE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, That Senate Rule 12.03 be suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate Bill No. 1370, relating to certain group benefit plans provided to certain governmental officers, employees, and retirees and their dependents, to consider and take action on the following matter:

Senate Rule 12.03(4) is suspended to permit the committee to add a new SECTION to the bill to read as follows:

SECTION 2.08. Subchapter G, Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, as effective June 1, 2003, is amended by adding Section 1551.3015 to read as follows:

Sec. 1551.3015. COST ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board of trustees may impose against an employer whose employees are not paid salaries from amounts appropriated by the General Appropriations Act and whose participation in the group benefits program begins after August 31, 2003, as a condition for participation in the program, a one-time assessment of administrative costs for participation of the employees and

annuitants in the program, which may include the actuarial costs of including the group in the program and a participation premium determined by the board. The board of trustees shall deposit all amounts recovered under this section in the employees life, accident, and health insurance and benefits fund.

Explanation: The added section is necessary to authorize the board of trustees to impose a cost assessment against certain employers whose employees and annuitants participate in the group benefits program under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act.

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on June 1, 2003, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate