

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

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S.R. No. 1051

R E S O L U T I O N

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th
2 Legislature, Regular Session, 2003, That Senate Rule 12.03 be
3 suspended in part as provided by Senate Rule 12.08 to enable the
4 conference committee appointed to resolve the differences on Senate
5 Bill 1370, relating to certain group benefit plans provided to
6 certain governmental officers, employees, and retirees and their
7 dependents, to consider and take action on the following matter:

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

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

13 Sec. 1551.3015. COST ASSESSMENT FOR CERTAIN PARTICIPANTS.
14 Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the board of trustees
15 may impose against an employer whose employees are not paid
16 salaries from amounts appropriated by the General Appropriations
17 Act and whose participation in the group benefits program begins
18 after August 31, 2003, as a condition for participation in the
19 program, a one-time assessment of administrative costs for
20 participation of the employees and annuitants in the program, which
21 may include the actuarial costs of including the group in the
22 program and a participation premium determined by the board. The
23 board of trustees shall deposit all amounts recovered under this
24 section in the employees life, accident, and health insurance and

1 benefits fund.

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

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