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H.B. No. 44

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to enhanced retirement benefits for certain members of the  
3 Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

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

5 SECTION 1. It is the intent of the legislature by passage of  
6 this Act to provide an optional, enhanced retirement benefit to a  
7 member of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas whose age and  
8 amount of service credit equals at least 90. This Act is not  
9 intended to replace or amend a member's eligibility to retire with  
10 benefits according to the existing rule of 80 under Section  
11 824.202, Government Code.

12 SECTION 2. Subchapter C, Chapter 824, Government Code, is  
13 amended by adding Section 824.2032 to read as follows:

14 Sec. 824.2032. ENHANCED BENEFIT. (a) Notwithstanding  
15 Sections 824.202 and 824.203, a member is eligible to retire and  
16 receive an enhanced service retirement annuity if the sum of the  
17 member's age and amount of service credit in the retirement system  
18 equals at least the number 90.

19 (b) The enhanced service retirement annuity for a member who  
20 retires under Subsection (a) is an amount computed on the basis of  
21 the member's average annual compensation for the three years of  
22 service, whether or not consecutive, in which the member received  
23 the highest annual compensation, times 2.5 percent for each year of  
24 service credit in the retirement system.

1           SECTION 3. Section 824.2032, Government Code, as added by  
2 this Act, applies only to a member of the Teacher Retirement System  
3 of Texas who retires on or after the effective date of this Act.

4           SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
5 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
6 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
7 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
8 Act takes effect September 1, 2006.