

AN ACT

relating to participation as an annuitant under the Texas Employees Group Benefits Act.

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

SECTION 1. PARTICIPATION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED AFTER ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 1231, ACTS OF THE 77TH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION, 2001. Notwithstanding Section 1551.102, Insurance Code, or any other law, an individual is eligible to participate as an annuitant in the group benefits program under Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, if:

(1) the individual was initially employed on or after September 1, 2001, but before September 10, 2001, by a school district that operates schools at facilities of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for the education of persons confined or imprisoned in those facilities;

(2) the individual is continuously employed by that school district until September 1, 2005, or a later date; and

(3) on the date the individual seeks to participate as an annuitant, the individual would be eligible to participate as an annuitant under former Section 3(a)(2), Texas Employees Uniform Group Insurance Benefits Act (Article 3.50-2, Vernon's Texas Insurance Code), as that section existed immediately before amendment by Section 27, Chapter 1231, Acts of the 77th Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

1 SECTION 2. EXPIRATION. This Act expires December 31, 2011.

2 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September

3 1, 2005.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 604 was passed by the House on April 7, 2005, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 604 was passed by the Senate on May 10, 2005, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor