

1-1 By: Hopson (Senate Sponsor - Staples) H.B. No. 604
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 11, 2005;
1-3 April 12, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 2, 2005, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 2, 2005, sent to printer.)

1-6 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-7 AN ACT

1-8 relating to participation as an annuitant under the Texas Employees
1-9 Group Benefits Act.

1-10 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-11 SECTION 1. PARTICIPATION OF CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS EMPLOYED
1-12 AFTER ENACTMENT OF CHAPTER 1231, ACTS OF THE 77TH LEGISLATURE,
1-13 REGULAR SESSION, 2001. Notwithstanding Section 1551.102,
1-14 Insurance Code, or any other law, an individual is eligible to
1-15 participate as an annuitant in the group benefits program under
1-16 Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, if:

1-17 (1) the individual was initially employed on or after
1-18 September 1, 2001, but before September 10, 2001, by a school
1-19 district that operates schools at facilities of the Texas
1-20 Department of Criminal Justice for the education of persons
1-21 confined or imprisoned in those facilities;

1-22 (2) the individual is continuously employed by that
1-23 school district until September 1, 2005, or a later date; and

1-24 (3) on the date the individual seeks to participate as
1-25 an annuitant, the individual would be eligible to participate as an
1-26 annuitant under former Section 3(a)(2), Texas Employees Uniform
1-27 Group Insurance Benefits Act (Article 3.50-2, Vernon's Texas
1-28 Insurance Code), as that section existed immediately before
1-29 amendment by Section 27, Chapter 1231, Acts of the 77th
1-30 Legislature, Regular Session, 2001.

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

1-32 SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect September
1-33 1, 2005.

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