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H.B. No. 3137

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to permitting a member of the Teacher Retirement System of
3 Texas to establish equivalent membership service for time spent
4 serving in the Peace Corps.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 823.401, Government Code, is amended by
7 amending Subsections (a) and (f) and adding Subsections (a-1) and
8 (f-1) to read as follows:

9 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b), an eligible member
10 may establish equivalent membership service credit for:

11 (1) employment with a public school system maintained
12 wholly or partly by another state or territory of the United States
13 or by the United States for children of its citizens; or

14 (2) service in the Peace Corps.

15 (a-1) A school receiving funds under 22 U.S.C. Section 2701
16 is considered a public school for the purposes of this section.

17 (f) The amount of service credit a member may establish for
18 employment with a public school system described by Subsection
19 (a)(1) [~~under this section~~] may not exceed the lesser of the number
20 of years of membership service credit the member has in the
21 retirement system for actual service in public schools or 15 years.

22 (f-1) The amount of service credit a member may establish
23 for service in the Peace Corps as described by Subsection (a)(2) may
24 not exceed two years.

1 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.