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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the retirement benefits payable to retirees of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas who are employed as teacher mentors.

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

SECTION 1. Section 824.602(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Section 825.506, the retirement system may not, under Section 824.601, withhold a monthly benefit payment if the retiree is employed in a Texas public educational institution:

(1) as a substitute only with pay not more than the daily rate of substitute pay established by the employer and, if the retiree is a disability retiree, the employment has not exceeded a total of 90 days in the school year;

(2) in a position, other than as a substitute, on no more than a one-half time basis for the month;

(3) in one or more positions on as much as a full-time basis, if the work occurs in not more than six months of a school year that begins after the retiree's effective date of retirement;

(4) in a position, other than as a substitute, on no more than a one-half time basis for no more than 90 days in the school year, if the retiree is a disability retiree;

(5) in a position as a classroom teacher on as much as a full-time basis, if the retiree has retired under Section

824.202(a), is certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, to teach the subjects assigned, is teaching in an acute shortage area as determined by the board of trustees of a school district as provided by Subsection (m), and has been separated from service with all public schools for at least 12 months;

(6) in a position as a principal, including as an assistant principal, on as much as a full-time basis, if the retiree has retired under Section 824.202(a) without reduction for retirement at an early age, is certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code, to serve as a principal, and has been separated from service with all public schools for at least 12 months; [~~or~~]

(7) as a bus driver for a school district on as much as a full-time basis, if the retiree has retired under Section 824.202(a)<u>; or</u>

<u>(8) in a position in which the primary responsibility is as a mentor of other teachers, if the retiree:</u>

<u>(A) is certified under Subchapter B, Chapter 21, Education Code; and</u>

<u>(B) taught in a public school for at least five years</u>.

SECTION 2. Section 824.602(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.