

1-1 By: Staples S.B. No. 1319
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 1319 By: Williams

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to participation of certain annuitants and their
1-11 dependents in the state employees group benefits program.

1-12 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-13 SECTION 1. Section 1551.323, Insurance Code, is amended by
1-14 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1), (a-2), and
1-15 (a-3) to read as follows:

1-16 (a) An annuitant eligible to participate under Section
1-17 1551.102(i), 1551.111(e), or 1551.112(c) is ~~[, except as provided by~~
1-18 ~~this subsection,]~~ required to pay, ~~[the total cost, as determined~~
1-19 ~~by the board, attributable to the participation of that individual~~
1-20 ~~and the dependents of that individual]~~ until the date the
1-21 individual is 65 years of age, an amount equal to the amount of the
1-22 state or other employer contribution that would be made on behalf of
1-23 the annuitant and, if applicable, the annuitant's dependents under
1-24 this chapter if the annuitant were eligible to participate under
1-25 another provision of Section 1551.102, 1551.111, or 1551.112.

1-26 (a-1) The payment made under this section is in addition to
1-27 other contributions required under Sections 1551.305, 1551.306,
1-28 and 1551.307.

1-29 (a-2) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), if [If] the General
1-30 Appropriations Act or other similar legislation provides that some
1-31 or all of the costs paid under Subsection (a) are payable by a state
1-32 contribution [addresses the payment of those costs], those costs
1-33 shall be paid in the manner specified by that legislation.

1-34 (a-3) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), an institution of
1-35 higher education may provide some or all of the costs paid under
1-36 Subsection (a) from money appropriated from a fund other than the
1-37 general revenue fund or from money available from local sources.

1-38 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to participation on or
1-39 after the effective date of this Act in the state employees group
1-40 benefits program established under Chapter 1551, Insurance Code.
1-41 Participation in the group benefits program before the effective
1-42 date of this Act is governed by the law as it exists immediately
1-43 before the effective date of this Act and that law is continued in
1-44 effect for this purpose.

1-45 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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