

1-1 By: Averitt S.B. No. 1532
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 10, 2005; March 30, 2005, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 18. 2005, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 18. 2005, sent to printer.)

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

1-8 relating to the eligibility of certain educational employees to
1-9 participate or be enrolled in certain group health benefit
1-10 programs.

1-11 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-12 SECTION 1. Section 22.004, Education Code, is amended by
1-13 adding Subsections (k) and (l) to read as follows:

1-14 (k) Notwithstanding any other law, an employee of a district
1-15 participating in the uniform group coverage program under
1-16 Subsection (a) or providing group health coverage under Subsection
1-17 (b) whose resignation is effective after the last day of an
1-18 instructional year is entitled to participate or be enrolled in the
1-19 uniform group coverage plan or the group health coverage through
1-20 the first anniversary of the date that participation in or coverage
1-21 under the uniform group coverage plan or the group health coverage
1-22 is first made available to district employees for the last
1-23 instructional year in which the employee was employed by the
1-24 district.

1-25 (l) If an employee's resignation is effective after the last
1-26 day of an instructional year, the district and the Teacher
1-27 Retirement System of Texas may not diminish or eliminate the amount
1-28 of a contribution or salary supplementation available to the
1-29 employee under Chapter 1579, 1580, or 1581, Insurance Code, before
1-30 the last date on which the employee is entitled to participation or
1-31 enrollment under Subsection (k).

1-32 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
1-33 beginning with the 2005-2006 school year.

1-34 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2005.

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