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H.B. No. 980

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to monthly benefits for certain retirees of the Teacher
3 Retirement System of Texas who return to work as registered nurses.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 824.602, Government Code, is amended by
6 adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

7 (a-1) Subject to Section 825.506, the retirement system may
8 not, under Section 824.601, withhold a monthly benefit payment if
9 the retiree is employed in a Texas public educational institution
10 or in a health care facility associated with a Texas public
11 educational institution as a registered nurse to fill a critical
12 need.

13 SECTION 2. As soon as practicable after the effective date
14 of this Act, the board of trustees of the Teacher Retirement System
15 of Texas by rule shall define the circumstances in which a
16 registered nurse may be considered to fill a critical need for
17 purposes of Section 824.602(a-1), Government Code, as added by this
18 Act.

19 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2007.