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S.B. No. 816

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of certain educational employees to
3 participate or be enrolled in certain group health benefit
4 programs.

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

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

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

19 (l) If an employee's resignation is effective after the last
20 day of an instructional year, the district and the Teacher
21 Retirement System of Texas may not diminish or eliminate the amount
22 of a contribution available to the employee under Chapter 1579 or
23 1581, Insurance Code, before the last date on which the employee is
24 entitled to participation or enrollment under Subsection (k).

1 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies
2 beginning with the 2007-2008 school year.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2007.