By: McClendon H.B. No. 3503

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- 2 relating to the participation of certain retirees under the
- 3 proportionate retirement program in the Texas Public School
- 4 Employees Group Benefits Program.
- 5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 6 SECTION 1. Section 803.201(b), Government Code, is amended
- 7 to read as follows:
- 8 (b) Except as provided by Section 1575.004(d), Insurance
- 9 Code, a [A] person's combined service credit is useable only in
- 10 determining eligibility for service retirement benefits and may not
- 11 be used in determining:
- 12 (1) eligibility for disability retirement benefits,
- 13 death benefits, or any type of benefit other than service
- 14 retirement benefits; nor
- 15 (2) the amount of any type of benefit.
- SECTION 2. Section 1575.004, Insurance Code, is amended by
- 17 adding Subsection (d) to read as follows:
- 18 <u>(d) For purposes of determining the years of service credit</u>
- 19 of an individual under Subsection (a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B)(ii) who
- 20 has at least 15 years of service credit in the Teacher Retirement
- 21 System of Texas, all of the individual's combined service credit as
- 22 <u>determined under Chapter 803, Government Code, but not to exceed 10</u>
- 23 years of credit, shall be considered as if it were credited to the
- 24 Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

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- 1 SECTION 3. The change in law made by this Act applies to an
- 2 individual without regard to whether the individual retires before,
- 3 on, or after the effective date of this $\mbox{Act.}$
- 4 SECTION 4. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.