

By: Howard of Travis

H.B. No. 3754

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to the insurance code to include members of a junior
3 college board.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 1551.101, Insurance Code is amended by
6 adding Subsections (c) and (d) and amending Subsection (e) as
7 follows:

8 Sec. 1551.101. PARTICIPATION ELIGIBILITY: STATE OFFICERS
9 AND EMPLOYEES. (a) An elected or appointed officer or employee
10 who performs service, other than as an independent contractor, for
11 this state, including an institution of higher education, and who
12 is described by this section is eligible to participate in the group
13 benefits program as an employee on the date specified by Section
14 1551.1055.

15 (b) An individual is eligible to participate in the group
16 benefits program as provided by Subsection (a) if the individual
17 receives compensation for service performed for this state pursuant
18 to a payroll certified by a state agency, other than an institution
19 of higher education, or by an elected or appointed officer of this
20 state, including a payment made from:

21 (1) an amount appropriated by the legislature from a
22 state fund;

23 (2) a trust fund held by the comptroller; or

24 (3) money paid under the official budget of a state

1 agency, other than money appropriated under a general
2 appropriations act.

3 (c) In addition to those covered in Subsection (a) and (b)
4 an individual who is a member of the governing body of a public
5 junior college;

6 (d) A member of a junior college board will be responsible
7 for payment of the benefits premium at the group rate of junior
8 college employees.

9 (e) An individual is eligible to participate in the group
10 benefits program as provided by Subsection (a) if the individual
11 receives compensation for service performed for an institution of
12 higher education pursuant to a payroll certified by an institution
13 of higher education or by an elected or appointed officer of this
14 state, or is a member of the governing board of a public junior
15 college;

16 (1) is eligible to become a member of the Teacher
17 Retirement System of Texas after any waiting period provided by law
18 before membership in that retirement system; or

19 (2) is employed at least 20 hours a week and is not
20 permitted to be a member of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas
21 because the individual is employed by an institution of higher
22 education only in a position that as a condition of employment
23 requires the individual to be enrolled as a student in the
24 institution in graduate-level courses.

25 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
26 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
27 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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- 1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
- 2 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.