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H.B. No. 531

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to a cost-of-living increase applicable to benefits paid by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 824, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 824.009 to read as follows:

Sec. 824.009. ADJUSTMENT FOR COST OF LIVING. (a) The amount of a service retirement benefit, disability retirement benefit, or death benefit paid under this chapter is adjusted in accordance with this section as necessary to reflect inflation.

(b) Each year, during the last seven days of October, the board of trustees shall set the rate of the adjustment for the next calendar year to equal the percentage increase, if any, in the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) most recently published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor and used by the United States Social Security Administration to provide a cost-of-living adjustment for Social Security benefit payments payable beginning in January of the next year.

(c) The board of trustees shall recompute the amount of a benefit paid under this chapter by applying the adjustment computed under Subsection (b) to the amount otherwise required to be paid as determined in accordance with the other applicable provisions of this chapter.

1 SECTION 2. This Act applies only to a benefit paid by the
2 Teacher Retirement System of Texas on or after January 1, 2014.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.