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H.B. No. 1828

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to hazardous duty pay for certain employees working at
3 state supported living centers and state hospitals.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 659.301(5), Government Code, is amended
6 to read as follows:

7 (5) "State employee" means an individual who:

8 (A) is a commissioned law enforcement officer of
9 the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Facilities Commission,
10 the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, or the Texas Department of
11 Criminal Justice;

12 (B) is a commissioned security officer of the
13 comptroller;

14 (C) is a law enforcement officer commissioned by
15 the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

16 (D) is a commissioned peace officer of an
17 institution of higher education;

18 (E) is an employee or official of the Board of
19 Pardons and Paroles or the parole division of the Texas Department
20 of Criminal Justice if the employee or official has routine direct
21 contact with inmates of any penal or correctional institution or
22 with administratively released prisoners subject to the board's
23 jurisdiction;

24 (F) has been certified to the Employees

1 Retirement System of Texas under Section 815.505 as having begun
2 employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer,
3 unless the individual has been certified to the system as having
4 ceased employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial
5 officer; [~~or~~]

6 (G) before May 29, 1987, received hazardous duty
7 pay based on the terms of any state law if the individual holds a
8 position designated under that law as eligible for the pay; or

9 (H) is an employee of a state supported living
10 center as defined by Section 531.002, Health and Safety Code, or a
11 state hospital if the employee is in direct contact with patients
12 more than 50 percent of the employee's time working in the facility.

13 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.