

AN ACT

relating to the eligibility of certain employees of public institutions of higher education to participate in a state group benefits program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1551.1021, Insurance Code, is amended by amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as follows:

(a) An adjunct faculty member at a public institution of higher education is eligible to participate in the group benefits program as an employee if the faculty member:

(1) receives compensation for services rendered to a public institution of higher education as an adjunct faculty member;

(2) was ~~has been~~ employed as a faculty member by the same public institution of higher education and ~~has~~ taught at least one course in the ~~each~~ regular fall and spring semester at the public institution of higher education in ~~each of~~ the preceding ~~three~~ academic year ~~years~~; and

(3) is under contract or is scheduled to teach at least 12 semester credit hours in the academic year of coverage or, if the person is also employed by the public institution of higher education to perform nonteaching duties, is under contract or is scheduled to teach at least six semester credit hours in the

1 academic year of coverage and has been approved by the public
2 institution of higher education to participate in the group
3 benefits program.

4 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(3), an adjunct faculty
5 member at a public institution of higher education who is a
6 professional librarian is eligible to participate in the group
7 benefits program as an employee if the faculty member receives
8 compensation for services rendered to a public institution of
9 higher education as an adjunct faculty member.

10 SECTION 2. The board of trustees of the Employees
11 Retirement System of Texas shall include coverage under Section
12 1551.1021, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, in an insurance
13 policy or contract or evidence of coverage delivered, issued for
14 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014. The board of
15 trustees may include coverage under Section 1551.1021, Insurance
16 Code, as amended by this Act, in an insurance policy or contract or
17 an evidence of coverage delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed
18 before January 1, 2014, if the board of trustees determines that the
19 coverage may reasonably be included.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2127 was passed by the House on May 4, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 116, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 2127 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 23, Nays 7.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor