

1-1 By: Howard, Stephenson, Frullo H.B. No. 2127
 1-2 (Senate Sponsor - Watson)
 1-3 (In the Senate - Received from the House May 6, 2013;
 1-4 May 7, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on State
 1-5 Affairs; May 15, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
 1-6 Yeas 7, Nays 1; May 15, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-9	X			
1-10	X			
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1-12	X			
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1-14	X			
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1-16	X			
1-17	X			

1-18 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-19 AN ACT

1-20 relating to the eligibility of certain employees of public
 1-21 institutions of higher education to participate in a state group
 1-22 benefits program.

1-23 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-24 SECTION 1. Section 1551.1021, Insurance Code, is amended by
 1-25 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsection (a-1) to read as
 1-26 follows:

1-27 (a) An adjunct faculty member at a public institution of
 1-28 higher education is eligible to participate in the group benefits
 1-29 program as an employee if the faculty member:

1-30 (1) receives compensation for services rendered to a
 1-31 public institution of higher education as an adjunct faculty
 1-32 member;

1-33 (2) ~~was [has been]~~ employed as a faculty member by the
 1-34 same public institution of higher education and ~~[has]~~ taught at
 1-35 least one course in the ~~[each]~~ regular fall and spring semester at
 1-36 the public institution of higher education in ~~[each of]~~ the
 1-37 preceding ~~[three]~~ academic year ~~[years]~~; and

1-38 (3) is under contract or is scheduled to teach at least
 1-39 12 semester credit hours in the academic year of coverage or, if the
 1-40 person is also employed by the public institution of higher
 1-41 education to perform nonteaching duties, is under contract or is
 1-42 scheduled to teach at least six semester credit hours in the
 1-43 academic year of coverage and has been approved by the public
 1-44 institution of higher education to participate in the group
 1-45 benefits program.

1-46 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(3), an adjunct faculty
 1-47 member at a public institution of higher education who is a
 1-48 professional librarian is eligible to participate in the group
 1-49 benefits program as an employee if the faculty member receives
 1-50 compensation for services rendered to a public institution of
 1-51 higher education as an adjunct faculty member.

1-52 SECTION 2. The board of trustees of the Employees
 1-53 Retirement System of Texas shall include coverage under Section
 1-54 1551.1021, Insurance Code, as amended by this Act, in an insurance
 1-55 policy or contract or evidence of coverage delivered, issued for
 1-56 delivery, or renewed on or after January 1, 2014. The board of
 1-57 trustees may include coverage under Section 1551.1021, Insurance
 1-58 Code, as amended by this Act, in an insurance policy or contract or
 1-59 an evidence of coverage delivered, issued for delivery, or renewed
 1-60 before January 1, 2014, if the board of trustees determines that the
 1-61 coverage may reasonably be included.

2-1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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