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S.B. No. 1055

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the eligibility of certain employees of public
3 institutions of higher education to participate in a state group
4 benefits program.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

4 (a-1) Notwithstanding Subsection (a)(2), 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.