

Amend HB 2123 (senate committee report) as follows:

(1) In the recital to SECTION 1 of the bill (page 1, lines 24 and 25), strike "Subsections (g-1), (g-2), and (g-3)" and substitute "Subsection (f-1)".

(2) In SECTION 1 of the bill, strike amended Section 437.212(f), Government Code (page 1, lines 26-43), and substitute the following:

(f) A member of the state military forces [~~volunteer in the Texas State Guard~~] who is not a full-time or part-time state employee and who has been on state active duty or on state training or other duty for more than 60 [~~90~~] days is, notwithstanding Section 1551.1055, Insurance Code, eligible to participate in the state group benefits program under Chapter 1551, Insurance Code, and is considered to be a full-time state employee for the purposes of that chapter, including the receipt of a full state contribution for [~~to purchase health or dental~~] insurance coverage, subject to Subsection (f-1) and the following requirements:

(1) the participant must be a member of the state military forces [~~Texas State Guard~~] at the time of enrollment in the group benefits program; and

(2) [~~the participant must pay the full cost of health or dental insurance coverage under the group benefits program and may not receive a state contribution for premiums; and~~

[~~(3)~~] an application under this subsection for [~~group benefit health or dental~~] insurance coverage must be submitted in accordance with procedures established by the Employees Retirement System of Texas.

(3) In SECTION 1 of the bill, immediately following amended Section 437.212(f), Government Code (page 1, between lines 43 and 44), insert the following:

(f-1) The department shall require payment of the cost associated with paying the state contribution of a member of the state military forces who elects to participate in the state group benefits program under Subsection (f) by the person responsible for paying for the mission for which the member is on state active duty or state training and other duty. On receipt of payment, the department shall reimburse the board of trustees of the Employees

Retirement System of Texas for that cost.

(4) In SECTION 1 of the bill, in amended Section 437.212, Government Code, strike page 1, line 50, through page 2, line 28, and substitute the following:

state group benefits program; ~~and~~

(2) an appropriate method to annually confirm continuing eligibility to participate in the group benefits program; and

(3) an appropriate method of administering the reimbursement of the state contribution as required by Subsection (f-1).

(5) Strike SECTION 2 of the bill, adding proposed Section 437.2121, Government Code (page 2, line 29, through page 3, line 32).

(6) Renumber the SECTIONS of the bill accordingly.