

By: Bonnen of Galveston

H.B. No. 576

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to service retirement benefits payable by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas to certain bus drivers who return to work.

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

SECTION 1. Section 824.602(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) Subject to Section 825.506, the retirement system may not, under Section 824.601, withhold a monthly benefit payment if the retiree is employed in a Texas public educational institution:

(1) as a substitute only with pay not more than the daily rate of substitute pay established by the employer and, if the retiree is a disability retiree, the employment has not exceeded a total of 90 days in the school year;

(2) in a position, other than as a substitute, on no more than a one-half time basis for the month;

(3) in one or more positions on as much as a full-time basis, if the retiree has been separated from service with all Texas public educational institutions for at least 12 full consecutive months after the retiree's effective date of retirement; ~~or~~

(4) in a position, other than as a substitute, on no more than a one-half time basis for no more than 90 days in the school year, if the retiree is a disability retiree; or

(5) as a bus driver for a school district on as much as

1 a full-time basis, if:

2 (A) the retiree has retired under Section
3 824.202(a), (a-1), or (a-2);

4 (B) the retiree's primary employment is as a bus
5 driver; and

6 (C) for at least 12 full consecutive months after
7 the retiree's effective date of retirement, the retiree has not
8 worked as a bus driver with a school district on more than a
9 one-half-time basis.

10 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
11 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
12 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
13 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
14 Act takes effect September 1, 2015.