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H.B. No. 2631

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to hazardous duty pay for certain employees working at state supported living centers and state hospitals.

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

SECTION 1. Section 659.301(5), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(5) "State employee" means an individual who:

(A) is a commissioned law enforcement officer of the Department of Public Safety, the Texas Facilities Commission, the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice;

(B) is a commissioned security officer of the comptroller;

(C) is a law enforcement officer commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;

(D) is a commissioned peace officer of an institution of higher education;

(E) is an employee or official of the Board of Pardons and Paroles or the parole division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice if the employee or official has routine direct contact with inmates of any penal or correctional institution or with administratively released prisoners subject to the board's jurisdiction;

(F) has been certified to the Employees

1 Retirement System of Texas under Section 815.505 as having begun
2 employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial officer,
3 unless the individual has been certified to the system as having
4 ceased employment as a law enforcement officer or custodial
5 officer; ~~[or]~~

6 (G) before May 29, 1987, received hazardous duty
7 pay based on the terms of any state law if the individual holds a
8 position designated under that law as eligible for the pay; or

9 (H) is an employee of a state supported living
10 center as defined by Section 531.002, Health and Safety Code, or a
11 state hospital if the employee is in direct contact with patients
12 more than 50 percent of the time the employee performs assigned
13 duties at the facility.

14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.