

Amend **CSHB 21** (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTION to the bill and renumbering SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. (a) The amount of \$212,000,000 of the unencumbered appropriations from the general revenue fund for the state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019, made by S.B. 1, Acts of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General Appropriations Act), to the Health and Human Services Commission is transferred to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and may be used by the retirement system during that state fiscal biennium to increase school districts' recruitment and retention of school teachers and provide support to participants in the Texas Public School Employees Group Insurance Program authorized by Chapter 1575, Insurance Code. The Health and Human Services Commission shall identify the strategies and objectives out of which the transfer is to be made.

(b) The Teacher Retirement System of Texas may use the money transferred under Subsection (a) of this section to:

(1) decrease the premiums and deductibles that would otherwise be paid during the 2018 and 2019 plan years by participants in the Texas Public School Employees Group Insurance Program authorized by Chapter 1575, Insurance Code; and

(2) reduce costs for an enrolled adult child with a mental disability or a physical incapacity during the 2018 and 2019 plan years.

(c) The Teacher Retirement System of Texas shall determine the most efficient allocation of the money transferred under Subsection (a) of this section to achieve the maximum benefit for participants in the program.