By: Ashby H.B. No. 20

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

- 2 relating to an appropriation of money from the economic
- 3 stabilization fund to decrease health insurance premiums and
- 4 deductibles for certain health benefit plans administered by the
- 5 Teacher Retirement System of Texas.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
- 7 SECTION 1. The amount of \$150 million is appropriated from
- 8 the economic stabilization fund to the retired school employees
- 9 group insurance fund established under Section 1575.301, Insurance
- 10 Code, for use by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas to decrease
- 11 the premiums and deductibles for the 2018 and 2019 plan years for
- 12 enrollees in the high deductible health plan established under
- 13 Section 1575.158, Insurance Code, as amended by H.B. 3976, 85th
- 14 Legislature, Regular Session, 2017.
- 15 SECTION 2. The Teacher Retirement System of Texas may use
- 16 funds appropriated by this Act only to decrease the premiums and
- 17 deductibles for the 2018 and 2019 plan years that would otherwise be
- 18 paid by enrollees in the high deductible health plan established
- 19 under Section 1575.158, Insurance Code, as amended by H.B. 3976,
- 20 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017.
- 21 SECTION 3. (a) Subject to Subsection (b) of this section:
- 22 (1) this Act takes effect immediately if it receives a
- 23 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
- 24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution; and

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- 1 (2) if this Act does not receive the vote necessary for
- 2 immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the
- 3 last day of the legislative session.
- 4 (b) This Act takes effect only if it receives a vote of
- 5 two-thirds of the members present in each house of the legislature,
- 6 as provided by Section 49-g(m), Article III, Texas Constitution.