

1-1 By: Nelson, et al. S.B. No. 19
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed July 20, 2017; July 20, 2017, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Finance; July 23, 2017,
 1-4 reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 10, Nays 3,
 1-5 2 present not voting; July 23, 2017, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nelson	X			
1-8 Hinojosa				X
1-9 Bettencourt	X			
1-10 Birdwell	X			
1-11 Hancock	X			
1-12 Huffman	X			
1-13 Kolthorst	X			
1-14 Nichols	X			
1-15 Schwertner	X			
1-16 Seliger	X			
1-17 Taylor of Galveston	X			
1-18 Uresti		X		
1-19 Watson		X		
1-20 West				X
1-21 Whitmire		X		

1-23 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-24 AN ACT

1-25 relating to bonuses and salaries for public school classroom
 1-26 teachers and state assistance for the Texas Public School Employees
 1-27 Group Insurance Program.

1-28 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-29 SECTION 1. Subchapter I, Chapter 21, Education Code, is
 1-30 amended by adding Sections 21.417 and 21.418 to read as follows:

1-31 Sec. 21.417. CLASSROOM TEACHER STATE CAREER BONUS.

1-32 (a) Subject to the availability of amounts appropriated for
 1-33 purposes of this section, the agency shall provide an annual bonus
 1-34 to each classroom teacher with at least six years of teaching
 1-35 experience at the beginning of the school year during which the
 1-36 bonus is provided.

1-37 (b) The amount of the bonus provided to each classroom
 1-38 teacher during any school year shall be established by
 1-39 appropriation, and the appropriation may provide for different
 1-40 bonus amounts during a school year based on the number of years of
 1-41 teaching experience.

1-42 (c) A bonus provided to a classroom teacher under this
 1-43 section is not considered in determining whether a school district
 1-44 is paying the teacher the minimum monthly salary under Section
 1-45 21.402.

1-46 (d) The agency shall provide a bonus under this section only
 1-47 to a person employed as a classroom teacher at the time the bonus is
 1-48 paid.

1-49 Sec. 21.418. CLASSROOM TEACHER SALARY INCREASES. (a) From
 1-50 state funding designated specifically for purposes of this section,
 1-51 including a separate appropriation in the General Appropriations
 1-52 Act or a designation of revenue provided by the Texas Constitution,
 1-53 a school district shall spend an amount equal to the product of
 1-54 \$1,000 multiplied by the number of classroom teachers employed by
 1-55 the district to increase salaries for classroom teachers in a
 1-56 manner determined by the board of trustees to be beneficial to the
 1-57 district.

1-58 (b) The commissioner may adopt rules necessary to implement
 1-59 this section, provided that the rules do not restrict the manner in
 1-60 which the amount described by Subsection (a) is used by a school
 1-61 district to increase salaries for classroom teachers.

2-1 SECTION 2. (a) The amount of \$193,000,000 of the
2-2 unencumbered appropriations from the general revenue fund for the
2-3 state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019, made by S.B. 1, Acts
2-4 of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General
2-5 Appropriations Act), to the Health and Human Services Commission is
2-6 transferred to the Texas Education Agency to be used by the agency
2-7 to provide the following bonuses to public school classroom
2-8 teachers under Section 21.417, Education Code, as added by this
2-9 Act:

2-10 (1) a bonus of \$600 to be paid in September 2018 for
2-11 each classroom teacher with at least 6 but less than 11 years of
2-12 teaching experience at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year;
2-13 and

2-14 (2) a bonus of \$1,000 to be paid in September 2018 for
2-15 each classroom teacher with at least 11 years of teaching
2-16 experience at the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year.

2-17 (b) The Health and Human Services Commission shall identify
2-18 the strategies and objectives out of which the transfer under
2-19 Subsection (a) of this section is to be made.

2-20 SECTION 3. (a) The amount of \$212,000,000 of the
2-21 unencumbered appropriations from the general revenue fund for the
2-22 state fiscal biennium ending August 31, 2019, made by S.B. 1, Acts
2-23 of the 85th Legislature, Regular Session, 2017 (the General
2-24 Appropriations Act), to the Health and Human Services Commission is
2-25 transferred to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and may be
2-26 used by the retirement system during that state fiscal biennium to
2-27 provide support to participants in the Texas Public School
2-28 Employees Group Insurance Program authorized by Chapter 1575,
2-29 Insurance Code. The Health and Human Services Commission shall
2-30 identify the strategies and objectives out of which the transfer is
2-31 to be made.

2-32 (b) The Teacher Retirement System of Texas may use the money
2-33 transferred under Subsection (a) of this section to:

2-34 (1) reduce costs for participants, including
2-35 premiums, deductibles, and prescription drugs, during the 2018 and
2-36 2019 plan years; and

2-37 (2) reduce the premium and maximum out-of-pocket cost
2-38 for an enrolled adult child with a mental disability or a physical
2-39 incapacity during the 2018 and 2019 plan years.

2-40 (c) The Teacher Retirement System of Texas shall determine
2-41 the most efficient allocation of the money transferred under
2-42 Subsection (a) of this section to achieve the maximum benefit for
2-43 participants in the program.

2-44 SECTION 4. (a) Section 21.417, Education Code, as added by
2-45 this Act, applies beginning with the 2018-2019 school year.

2-46 (b) Section 21.418, Education Code, as added by this Act,
2-47 applies beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

2-48 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2-49 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house as
2-50 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
2-51 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
2-52 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
2-53 legislative session.

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