

Amend HB 1526 (senate committee report) by adding the following appropriately numbered SECTIONS to the bill and renumbering subsequent SECTIONS of the bill accordingly:

SECTION _____. Sections 1551.114(e), (f), and (g), Insurance Code, are amended to read as follows:

(e) The state [~~An active employee described by Subsection (d) is not eligible to receive a state contribution under Subchapter G for premiums. The community justice assistance division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice~~] is responsible for payment of the contributions for each of a department's participating active employees and the employees' dependents [~~that the state would make~~] under Subchapter G [~~if the employees were state employees. Each covered active employee shall pay that portion of the cost of group coverages selected by the employee that exceeds the amount of division contributions~~].

(f) A retired employee is eligible to participate in the group benefits program on application to the board of trustees. On application, a retired employee is automatically covered by the basic coverage for annuitants unless the retired employee specifically waives coverage or unless the retired employee is expelled from the program. The state [~~A retired employee is not eligible to receive a state contribution under Subchapter G for premiums. The community justice assistance division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice~~] is responsible for payment of the contributions for each of a department's retired employees and the retired employees' participating dependents [~~that the state would make~~] under Subchapter G [~~if the retired employees were retired state employees. Each participating retired employee shall pay that portion of the cost of group coverage selected by the retired employee that exceeds the amount of division contributions~~]. The retired employee shall pay contributions required from the retired employee in the manner prescribed by the board of trustees. Each community supervision and corrections department shall notify each of its retired employees of the eligibility for participation and the costs associated with participation.

(g) All contributions received under this section from the state [~~community justice assistance division of the Texas~~]

~~Department of Criminal Justice]~~, active employees of community supervision and corrections departments, and retired employees of community supervision and corrections departments for basic, optional, and voluntary coverages under the group benefits program shall be paid into the employees life, accident, and health insurance and benefits fund and shall be used by the board of trustees to provide those coverages as provided by this chapter.

SECTION _____. Section 509.011(a-1), Government Code, and Section 1551.322, Insurance Code, are repealed.