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H.B. No. 1441

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to reenrollment of certain retirees in the Texas Public School Employees Group Insurance Program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1575.161, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsections (b) and (c) to read as follows:

(b) Notwithstanding Subsection (a), the trustee by rule shall provide one opportunity to reenroll in a health benefit plan offered under the group program for an otherwise eligible retiree:

(1) who is eligible to enroll in Medicare;

(2) whose initial enrollment was voluntarily terminated on or after September 1, 2017, and on or before January 1, 2020; and

(3) who opts to reenroll on or before December 31, 2023.

(c) Subsection (b) and this subsection expire September 1, 2024.

SECTION 2. (a) Not later than November 1, 2019, the Teacher Retirement System of Texas shall adopt rules necessary to implement Section 1575.161(b), Insurance Code, as added by this Act.

(b) Rules adopted by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas under Section 1575.161(b), Insurance Code, as added by this Act, must apply to a retiree described by that subsection, regardless of whether the termination of the retiree's initial enrollment

1 occurred before, on, or after the effective date of the rules or  
2 this Act.

3         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2019.