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S.B. No. 1522

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the suspension of annuity payments for certain former legislators engaged in lobbying activities.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 812, Government Code, is amended by adding Subchapter D to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. LOBBYING BY CERTAIN RETIREES

Sec. 812.301. BENEFITS AFFECTED. (a) If a retiree who accrued service credit in the retirement system as a member of the legislature engages in lobbying activities that require registration under Chapter 305, the retirement system shall suspend annuity payments to the retiree until the retiree ceases to engage in lobbying activities and files a notice of termination as prescribed by Section 305.008.

(b) The board of trustees shall adopt rules necessary to implement this section.

SECTION 2. Section 812.301, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to a retiree who registers under Chapter 305, Government Code, on or after the effective date of this Act. A retiree who registers under Chapter 305, Government Code, before the effective date of this Act is governed by the law in effect immediately before the effective date of this Act, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.