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1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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

1-25 relating to the continuation and functions of the Teacher  
 1-26 Retirement System of Texas.

1-27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-28 SECTION 1. Section 824.002(c), Government Code, is amended  
 1-29 to read as follows:

1-30 (c) For the purposes of this section, a member's employment  
 1-31 in a position covered by the retirement system does not end if the  
 1-32 member is on leave of absence or has a contract for future  
 1-33 employment in a public school, other than a contract for employment  
 1-34 that would, if the retiring member and the employer were to comply  
 1-35 with all procedural requirements, qualify under Section 824.602 for  
 1-36 an exception to a reduction or ~~the~~ loss of monthly benefits  
 1-37 required by Section 824.601.

1-38 SECTION 2. Section 824.2031(b), Government Code, is amended  
 1-39 to read as follows:

1-40 (b) A determination under this section shall be founded on  
 1-41 the information in the most recent report of an investment  
 1-42 practices and performance evaluation ~~[audit]~~ conducted under  
 1-43 Section 802.109 ~~[825.512]~~ and the application of that information  
 1-44 to:

1-45 (1) the present amortization period for liabilities of  
 1-46 the retirement system;

1-47 (2) the rate of return on retirement system  
 1-48 investments over and above the rate of inflation of the investment  
 1-49 portfolio as a whole, of the portion of the investment portfolio  
 1-50 entrusted to private investment entities, and of the portion of the  
 1-51 investment portfolio entrusted to investment officers who are  
 1-52 employees of the retirement system;

1-53 (3) economic projections of market conditions and  
 1-54 future investment rates of return as reflected in the comptroller's  
 1-55 most recent economic forecast and revenue estimate;

1-56 (4) the costs, including changes in the amortization  
 1-57 period for liabilities of the retirement system, of providing  
 1-58 cost-of-living or other increases in benefits to current  
 1-59 annuitants; and

1-60 (5) an evaluation of the diversity of retirement  
 1-61 system investments and whether the portfolio provides low-risk,  
 1-62 long-term growth.

2-1 SECTION 3. The heading to Subchapter G, Chapter 824,  
2-2 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

2-3 SUBCHAPTER G. REDUCTION OR LOSS OF BENEFITS ON RESUMPTION OF  
2-4 SERVICE

2-5 SECTION 4. The heading to Section 824.601, Government Code,  
2-6 is amended to read as follows:

2-7 Sec. 824.601. REDUCTION OR LOSS OF MONTHLY BENEFITS.

2-8 SECTION 5. Section 824.601, Government Code, is amended by  
2-9 amending Subsections (b) and (e) and adding Subsections (b-3) and  
2-10 (b-4) to read as follows:

2-11 (b) Except as provided by Subsection (b-1), (b-3), or (b-4),  
2-12 or Section 824.602 and subject to Subsection (b-2), during [a  
2-13 retiree is not entitled to service or disability retirement benefit  
2-14 payments, as applicable, for] any month in which a [the] retiree is  
2-15 employed in any position by a Texas public educational institution,  
2-16 the retiree's entitlement to service or disability retirement  
2-17 benefit payments for that month is reduced by an amount equal to the  
2-18 lesser of:

2-19 (1) the retiree's benefit payment for that month; or  
2-20 (2) the total compensation earned by the retiree for  
2-21 the employment during that month:

2-22 (A) as reported by the retiree's employer; or  
2-23 (B) if not reported, verified in a manner  
2-24 prescribed by the retirement system.

2-25 (b-3) If the total compensation earned by a retiree is not  
2-26 reported or verified under Subsection (b)(2), the retiree's  
2-27 entitlement to service or disability retirement benefit payments  
2-28 for that month is reduced by an amount equal to the retiree's  
2-29 benefit payment for that month.

2-30 (b-4) A retiree under Section 824.302 who is employed in any  
2-31 position by a Texas public educational institution for more than 90  
2-32 days in a school year is not entitled to disability retirement  
2-33 benefit payments for the months the retiree was employed by the  
2-34 institution unless the retiree qualifies for the exception  
2-35 described by Section 824.602(g).

2-36 (e) A reduction or loss [Loss] of benefits under this  
2-37 section does not extend any period of guaranteed benefits elected  
2-38 pursuant to Section 824.204.

2-39 SECTION 6. Sections 824.602(a), (g), and (k), Government  
2-40 Code, are amended to read as follows:

2-41 (a) Subject to Section 825.506, the retirement system may  
2-42 not, under Section 824.601, reduce or withhold a monthly benefit  
2-43 payment if the retiree is employed in a Texas public educational  
2-44 institution:

2-45 (1) as a substitute only with pay not more than the  
2-46 daily rate of substitute pay established by the employer and, if the  
2-47 retiree is a disability retiree, the employment has not exceeded a  
2-48 total of 90 days in the school year;

2-49 (2) in a position, other than as a substitute, on no  
2-50 more than a one-half time basis for the month;

2-51 (3) in one or more positions on as much as a full-time  
2-52 basis, if the retiree has been separated from service with all Texas  
2-53 public educational institutions for at least 12 full consecutive  
2-54 months after the retiree's effective date of retirement; or

2-55 (4) in a position, other than as a substitute, on no  
2-56 more than a one-half time basis for no more than 90 days in the  
2-57 school year, if the retiree is a disability retiree.

2-58 (g) The exceptions provided by Subsections (a)(2) and  
2-59 (a)(3) do not apply to disability retirees. The retirement system  
2-60 nevertheless may not withhold a monthly benefit payment under  
2-61 Section 824.601 if:

2-62 (1) a disability retiree is employed in a Texas public  
2-63 educational institution in a position, other than as a substitute,  
2-64 for a period not to exceed three consecutive months;

2-65 (2) the work occurs in a period, designated by the  
2-66 disability retiree, of no more than three consecutive months;

2-67 (3) the disability retiree executes on a form and at a  
2-68 time prescribed by the retirement system a written election to have  
2-69 this exception apply on a one-time trial basis in determining

3-1 whether benefits are to be suspended for the months of employment  
 3-2 after retirement and in determining whether a disability retiree is  
 3-3 no longer mentally or physically incapacitated for the performance  
 3-4 of duty; and

3-5 (4) the disability retiree has not previously elected  
 3-6 to avoid a reduction or loss of monthly benefits under this  
 3-7 subsection.

3-8 (k) The actuary designated by the board of trustees shall,  
 3-9 in investigating the experience of the members of the system, note  
 3-10 any significant increase in early age retirements and determine the  
 3-11 extent to which any increase has been caused by the exception to a  
 3-12 reduction or loss of benefits for employment after retirement  
 3-13 provided by Subsection (a)(3). If the actuary certifies in writing  
 3-14 to the retirement system that sound actuarial funding of the  
 3-15 retirement system's benefits is endangered by continuation of this  
 3-16 exception, the board of trustees may determine that no further  
 3-17 elections of the exception will be accepted from retirees, other  
 3-18 than from those who have previously relied on the exception in  
 3-19 retiring under this subtitle. A retiree may be considered to have  
 3-20 relied on this exception only if retirement occurred on or after May  
 3-21 31, 1985, but before the date the board of trustees acknowledges  
 3-22 receipt of such certification and if the retiree has first elected  
 3-23 to receive benefits under the exception not later than two years  
 3-24 after the retiree's effective date of retirement.

3-25 SECTION 7. Section 824.601(f), Government Code, is  
 3-26 redesignated as Section 824.604, Government Code, and amended to  
 3-27 read as follows:

3-28 Sec. 824.604. RULES. [~~(f)~~] The board of trustees [system]  
 3-29 may adopt rules necessary for administering this subchapter.

3-30 SECTION 8. Section 825.0041, Government Code, is amended by  
 3-31 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (d) to read as  
 3-32 follows:

3-33 (b) The [A] training program must provide the person with  
 3-34 information regarding:

3-35 (1) the law governing [legislation that created the]  
 3-36 retirement system operations; [and the system's]

3-37 (2) the programs, functions, rules, and budget of the  
 3-38 system;

3-39 (3) the scope of and limitations on the rulemaking  
 3-40 authority of the board of trustees;

3-41 (4) [~~(2)~~] the results of the most recent formal audit  
 3-42 of the system;

3-43 (5) [~~(3)~~] the requirements of:

3-44 (A) laws relating to open meetings, public  
 3-45 information, administrative procedure, and disclosing  
 3-46 conflicts-of-interest [conflicts of interest]; and

3-47 (B) other laws applicable to members of a state  
 3-48 policy-making body in performing their duties; and

3-49 (6) [~~(4)~~] any applicable ethics policies adopted by  
 3-50 the system or the Texas Ethics Commission.

3-51 (d) The executive director of the retirement system shall  
 3-52 create a training manual that includes the information required by  
 3-53 Subsection (b). The executive director shall distribute a copy of  
 3-54 the training manual annually to each member of the board of  
 3-55 trustees. Each member of the board of trustees shall sign and  
 3-56 submit to the executive director a statement acknowledging that the  
 3-57 member received and has reviewed the training manual.

3-58 SECTION 9. Section 825.006, Government Code, is amended to  
 3-59 read as follows:

3-60 Sec. 825.006. SUNSET PROVISION. The board of trustees of  
 3-61 the Teacher Retirement System of Texas is subject to review under  
 3-62 Chapter 325 (Texas Sunset Act), but is not abolished under that  
 3-63 chapter. The board shall be reviewed during the period in which  
 3-64 state agencies abolished in 2033 [2021], and every 12th year after  
 3-65 that year, are reviewed.

3-66 SECTION 10. Subchapter C, Chapter 825, Government Code, is  
 3-67 amended by adding Section 825.216 to read as follows:

3-68 Sec. 825.216. OMBUDSMAN. (a) Subject to Section 825.506,  
 3-69 the board of trustees shall designate an ombudsman within the

4-1 retirement system to assist members by performing member protection  
4-2 and advocacy functions, including:

4-3 (1) monitoring the system's interactions with members;

4-4 (2) receiving and reviewing complaints from members;

4-5 (3) taking appropriate action regarding complaints,

4-6 including conducting investigations of complaints or escalating or  
4-7 reporting complaints to the board;

4-8 (4) informing a member and the board of the results of  
4-9 the ombudsman's review or investigation of a member's complaint;

4-10 and

4-11 (5) recommending corrective actions to the board as  
4-12 determined necessary by the ombudsman to resolve complaints.

4-13 (b) The ombudsman designated under this section shall  
4-14 regularly submit a report to the board of trustees recommending  
4-15 changes to the retirement system's operations that would benefit  
4-16 members and increase opportunities for the members to participate  
4-17 in the system's decisions.

4-18 SECTION 11. Section 825.308, Government Code, is amended to  
4-19 read as follows:

4-20 Sec. 825.308. STATE CONTRIBUTION ACCOUNT. The retirement  
4-21 system shall deposit in the state contribution account:

4-22 (1) all state contributions to the retirement system  
4-23 required by Section 825.404;

4-24 (2) amounts from the interest account as provided by  
4-25 Section 825.313(b)(2);

4-26 (3) retirement annuities, or that portion of  
4-27 annuities, as applicable, waived or forfeited in accordance with  
4-28 Section 824.601 or 824.004;

4-29 (4) fees collected under Section 825.403(h);

4-30 (5) fees and interest for reinstatement of service  
4-31 credit or establishment of membership service credit as provided by  
4-32 Section 823.501;

4-33 (6) the portion of a deposit required by Section  
4-34 823.302 to establish military service credit that represents a fee;  
4-35 and

4-36 (7) employer contributions required under Section  
4-37 825.4092.

4-38 SECTION 12. Section 825.4041(f), Government Code, is  
4-39 amended to read as follows:

4-40 (f) At the end of each school year, the retirement system  
4-41 shall certify to the [~~commissioner of education and to the~~] state  
4-42 auditor:

4-43 (1) the name of each employer that is an institution of  
4-44 higher education and has failed to remit, within the period  
4-45 required by Section 825.408, all payments required under this  
4-46 section for the school year; and

4-47 (2) the amounts of the unpaid required payments.

4-48 SECTION 13. Section 825.405(f), Government Code, is amended  
4-49 to read as follows:

4-50 (f) If the commissioner of education receives a  
4-51 certification from the retirement system regarding unpaid  
4-52 contributions [~~under Subsection (e)~~], the commissioner shall  
4-53 direct the comptroller of public accounts to withhold the amount  
4-54 certified, plus interest computed at the rate and in the manner  
4-55 provided by Section 825.408, from the first state money payable to  
4-56 the employer. The amount withheld shall be deposited to the credit  
4-57 of the appropriate accounts of the retirement system.

4-58 SECTION 14. Section 825.502, Government Code, is amended by  
4-59 amending Subsection (b) and adding Subsection (c) to read as  
4-60 follows:

4-61 (b) If the member or the member's heirs cannot be found  
4-62 after complying with the policy adopted under Subsection (c), the  
4-63 member's accumulated contributions are forfeited to the retirement  
4-64 system. The retirement system shall credit the amount forfeited to  
4-65 the retired reserve account.

4-66 (c) The board of trustees shall adopt a policy requiring the  
4-67 retirement system to make all reasonable efforts to locate and  
4-68 notify a member or, if appropriate, the member's heirs of their  
4-69 entitlement to a return of accumulated contributions under this

5-1 section. The policy must ensure that the:

5-2 (1) notice:

5-3 (A) provides information on how a member or the  
 5-4 member's heirs, as appropriate, may withdraw the accumulated  
 5-5 contributions, including information on how to effectuate a  
 5-6 withdrawal through an election to receive a direct rollover of the  
 5-7 contributions to an eligible retirement plan; and

5-8 (B) is initially sent to the member by certified  
 5-9 mail, return receipt requested, at the last known address of the  
 5-10 member according to the system's records; and

5-11 (2) procedure used to locate a member or the member's  
 5-12 heirs:

5-13 (A) requires, at a minimum, that the system  
 5-14 conduct Internet searches to determine a current and accurate  
 5-15 mailing address of the member or the member's heir and send a notice  
 5-16 that complies with Subdivision (1) to the member or the member's  
 5-17 heir, as applicable, by certified mail, return receipt requested;  
 5-18 and

5-19 (B) employs a matrix based on defined factors for  
 5-20 determining on a graduated scale the degree and type of additional  
 5-21 effort required, and those efforts must include:

5-22 (i) contacting the member's designated  
 5-23 beneficiary;

5-24 (ii) obtaining information from consumer  
 5-25 reporting agencies; and

5-26 (iii) using commercial locating services.

5-27 SECTION 15. Sections 825.511(a) and (c), Government Code,  
 5-28 are amended to read as follows:

5-29 (a) The retirement system shall maintain a system to  
 5-30 promptly and efficiently act on complaints filed with the  
 5-31 retirement system [~~that the system has authority to resolve~~]. The  
 5-32 retirement system shall maintain information about parties to the  
 5-33 complaint, the subject matter of the complaint, a summary of the  
 5-34 results of the review or investigation of the complaint, and its  
 5-35 disposition.

5-36 (c) The retirement system shall periodically notify the  
 5-37 complaint parties of the status of the complaint until final  
 5-38 disposition unless the notice would jeopardize an investigation.

5-39 SECTION 16. Section 825.521, Government Code, is amended to  
 5-40 read as follows:

5-41 Sec. 825.521. DEADLINE TO APPEAL [~~FINAL~~] ADMINISTRATIVE  
 5-42 DECISION. In adopting rules governing an [~~the~~] appeal authorized  
 5-43 by law or rule of a determination or decision of the retirement  
 5-44 system by the system's staff, including a final administrative  
 5-45 decision of the [~~retirement~~] system, the board of trustees shall  
 5-46 ensure that rules establishing deadlines for [~~the~~] filing the [~~of~~  
 5-47 ~~an~~] appeal afford a member or retiree at least the same amount of  
 5-48 time to file the [~~an~~] appeal as the retirement system has to issue  
 5-49 the determination or [~~retirement system's~~] decision.

5-50 SECTION 17. The heading to Subchapter G, Chapter 825,  
 5-51 Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

5-52 SUBCHAPTER G. OUTREACH TO MEMBERS AND EMPLOYERS [~~MEMBER SERVICES~~]

5-53 SECTION 18. Section 825.601, Government Code, is amended to  
 5-54 read as follows:

5-55 Sec. 825.601. OUTREACH PLAN [~~POLICIES GOVERNING RETIREMENT~~  
 5-56 ~~BENEFITS COUNSELING~~]. (a) The board of trustees shall develop and  
 5-57 adopt an outreach plan designed to assist each member of the system,  
 5-58 and as appropriate the members' employers, in effectively planning  
 5-59 for the member's retirement. The plan must require the retirement  
 5-60 system to:

5-61 (1) identify and implement ways to improve  
 5-62 communication between the system and the system's members and  
 5-63 employers;

5-64 (2) update and develop outreach materials and other  
 5-65 information distributed by the system, including handbooks,  
 5-66 brochures, presentations, and handouts, in a manner that complies  
 5-67 with Section 802.106(g);

5-68 (3) update and develop policies governing retirement  
 5-69 benefits counseling provided to members by the system, including[~~g~~

6-1 ~~The~~ policies that ~~[must]~~:

6-2 ~~(A) subject to Section 825.602, ensure~~ ~~[(1)~~  
6-3 ~~address the manner in which] the [retirement] system makes group~~  
6-4 ~~and individual member retirement benefits counseling available~~  
6-5 ~~throughout the state;~~

6-6 ~~[(2) identify the geographic regions of the state most~~  
6-7 ~~in need of retirement benefits counseling services and the manner~~  
6-8 ~~in which that need will be met,] and~~

6-9 ~~(B) [(3)] clarify that the retirement system~~  
6-10 ~~does not provide financial or legal advice;~~

6-11 ~~(4) provide at least annually to each member of the~~  
6-12 ~~system, regardless of whether the member is vested in the system, an~~  
6-13 ~~estimate of the member's retirement benefits;~~

6-14 ~~(5) enhance employer training and establish an~~  
6-15 ~~Internet portal designed to assist employers to:~~

6-16 ~~(A) satisfy applicable reporting requirements;~~

6-17 ~~(B) provide general information to individual~~  
6-18 ~~members on:~~

6-19 ~~(i) employment after retirement;~~

6-20 ~~(ii) enrollment in health insurance~~  
6-21 ~~benefit plans; and~~

6-22 ~~(iii) retirement benefits and retirement~~  
6-23 ~~planning; and~~

6-24 ~~(C) facilitate other communications or exchanges~~  
6-25 ~~involving members and the retirement system; and~~

6-26 ~~(6) design and implement methods for maintaining~~  
6-27 ~~up-to-date contact information for members and beneficiaries based~~  
6-28 ~~on best practices for outreach.~~

6-29 ~~(b) In developing the outreach plan, the board of trustees~~  
6-30 ~~shall solicit input through surveys or other means from members of~~  
6-31 ~~the system, employers, and other stakeholders, including~~  
6-32 ~~appropriate advisory groups.~~

6-33 ~~(c) Once every five years, the retirement system shall~~  
6-34 ~~review and update the outreach plan adopted under this section.~~

6-35 SECTION 19. Section 825.602(b), Government Code, is amended  
6-36 to read as follows:

6-37 (b) The retirement system shall provide retirement benefits  
6-38 counseling for individual members:

6-39 (1) in different geographic regions of this state,  
6-40 including regions outside of Austin; and

6-41 (2) in person or by phone, at the election of the  
6-42 member.

6-43 SECTION 20. Subchapter A, Chapter 1575, Insurance Code, is  
6-44 amended by adding Section 1575.010 to read as follows:

6-45 Sec. 1575.010. INFORMATION REGARDING APPEALS. The trustee  
6-46 shall develop and distribute informational materials to  
6-47 individuals enrolled in a health benefit plan offered under the  
6-48 group program regarding:

6-49 (1) the enrollee's right to appeal denial of an adverse  
6-50 determination, as defined by Section 4201.002, to an independent  
6-51 review organization;

6-52 (2) the procedures for appealing to an independent  
6-53 review organization; and

6-54 (3) the assistance available from the trustee in  
6-55 navigating the procedures for appeal.

6-56 SECTION 21. Section 1575.453, Insurance Code, is amended to  
6-57 read as follows:

6-58 Sec. 1575.453. STUDY AND REPORT BY TRUSTEE. (a) The  
6-59 trustee shall study the operation and administration of this  
6-60 chapter, including:

6-61 (1) conducting surveys and preparing reports on  
6-62 financing group coverages and health benefit plans available to  
6-63 participants; ~~and~~

6-64 (2) studying the experience and projected cost of  
6-65 coverage; and

6-66 (3) reviewing the group coverages provided to and the  
6-67 benefits and services being received by individuals covered under  
6-68 this chapter.

6-69 (b) The trustee shall report annually to the legislature and

7-1 the department [~~at each regular session~~] on the operation and  
7-2 administration of this chapter.

7-3 SECTION 22. Subchapter A, Chapter 1579, Insurance Code, is  
7-4 amended by adding Section 1579.010 to read as follows:

7-5 Sec. 1579.010. INFORMATION REGARDING APPEALS. The trustee  
7-6 shall develop and distribute informational materials to  
7-7 individuals enrolled in a health coverage plan provided under this  
7-8 chapter regarding:

7-9 (1) an enrollee's right to appeal denial of an adverse  
7-10 determination, as defined by Section 4201.002, to an independent  
7-11 review organization;

7-12 (2) the procedures for appealing to an independent  
7-13 review organization; and

7-14 (3) the assistance available from the trustee in  
7-15 navigating the procedures for appeal.

7-16 SECTION 23. Section 1579.106, Insurance Code, is amended by  
7-17 amending Subsection (c) and adding Subsection (d) to read as  
7-18 follows:

7-19 (c) Every 12 [~~six~~] months the trustee shall submit to the  
7-20 comptroller and the Legislative Budget Board a report regarding any  
7-21 cost savings achieved in the program through implementation of the  
7-22 prior authorization requirement of this section. The report must  
7-23 cover the previous 12-month [~~six-month~~] period.

7-24 (d) In the report under Subsection (c), the trustee:

7-25 (1) may include any cost savings achieved in the  
7-26 program for coverage of prescribed drugs that are not included in  
7-27 the categories listed in Subsection (b) for which prior  
7-28 authorization is required by a health coverage plan provided under  
7-29 this chapter; and

7-30 (2) considering cost and medical necessity, shall  
7-31 identify any categories of prescribed drugs in addition to the  
7-32 categories listed in Subsection (b) for which requiring prior  
7-33 authorization could achieve cost savings.

7-34 SECTION 24. The following provisions are repealed:

7-35 (1) Section 802.109(j), Government Code;

7-36 (2) Section 825.405(e), Government Code;

7-37 (3) Section 825.512, Government Code; and

7-38 (4) Section 1575.452, Insurance Code.

7-39 SECTION 25. Sections 824.601 and 824.602, Government Code,  
7-40 as amended by this Act, apply only to a benefit payment made by the  
7-41 Teacher Retirement System of Texas that becomes payable on or after  
7-42 the effective date of this Act.

7-43 SECTION 26. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of  
7-44 this section, Section 825.0041, Government Code, as amended by this  
7-45 Act, applies to a member of the board of trustees of the Teacher  
7-46 Retirement System of Texas appointed before, on, or after the  
7-47 effective date of this Act.

7-48 (b) A member of the board of trustees of the Teacher  
7-49 Retirement System of Texas who, before the effective date of this  
7-50 Act, completed the training program required by Section 825.0041,  
7-51 Government Code, as that law existed before the effective date of  
7-52 this Act, is only required to complete additional training on the  
7-53 subjects added by this Act to the training program required by  
7-54 Section 825.0041, Government Code. A board member described by  
7-55 this subsection may not vote, deliberate, or be counted as a member  
7-56 in attendance at a meeting of the board held on or after December 1,  
7-57 2021, until the member completes the additional training.

7-58 SECTION 27. As soon as practicable after the effective date  
7-59 of this Act, but not later than December 1, 2021, the Teacher  
7-60 Retirement System of Texas shall implement the outreach plan  
7-61 required by Section 825.601, Government Code, as amended by this  
7-62 Act.

7-63 SECTION 28. This Act takes effect immediately if it  
7-64 receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each  
7-65 house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution.  
7-66 If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate  
7-67 effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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