

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Metcalf

H.B. No. 2171

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT

2 relating to the eligibility of certain retired firefighters and
3 emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health
4 benefits coverage.

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

6 SECTION 1. Section 175.001, Local Government Code, is
7 amended to read as follows:

8 Sec. 175.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies to a
9 person who:

10 (1) retires from:

11 (A) county employment in a county with a
12 population of 75,000 or more;

13 (B) employment by an appraisal district in a
14 county with a population of 75,000 or more; ~~or~~

15 (C) municipal employment in a municipality with a
16 population of 25,000 or more; or

17 (D) employment as a firefighter or emergency
18 medical services provider by an emergency services district located
19 wholly or partly in a county with a population of 200,000 or more;

20 and

21 (2) is entitled to receive retirement benefits from a
22 county, appraisal district, or municipal retirement plan or
23 emergency services district.

24 SECTION 2. (a) Chapter 175, Local Government Code, as

1 amended by this Act, applies according to its terms to all eligible
2 persons who leave employment with an emergency services district on
3 or after January 1, 2022.

4 (b) An emergency services district that is required by
5 Chapter 175, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, to
6 provide continued health benefits coverage but that is not allowed
7 to provide the coverage under the terms of the district's existing
8 group health plan shall ensure that the required continued health
9 benefits coverage is provided for in any new plan that is adopted by
10 the district on or after January 1, 2022, unless the district is
11 exempted under Section 175.007, Local Government Code.

12 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

ADOPTED

MAY 19 2021

By: METCALF/CREIGHTON

Substitute the following for ___B. No. _____:

Secretary of the Senate B. No. 2171

By: [Signature]

C.S. ___B. No. _____

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(C) municipal employment in a municipality with a population of 25,000 or more; or

(D) employment as a firefighter or emergency medical services provider by an emergency services district located wholly or partly in a county with a population of 150,000 or more;
and

(2) is entitled to receive retirement benefits from a county, appraisal district, or municipal retirement plan or

emergency services district.

SECTION 2. (a) Chapter 175, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, applies according to its terms to all eligible persons who leave employment with an emergency services district on or after January 1, 2022.

(b) An emergency services district that is required by Chapter 175, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, to provide continued health benefits coverage but that is not allowed to provide the coverage under the terms of the district's existing group health plan shall ensure that the required continued health benefits coverage is provided for in any new plan that is adopted by the district on or after January 1, 2022, unless the district is exempted under Section 175.007, Local Government Code.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2021

TO: Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2171 by Metcalf (Relating to the eligibility of certain retired firefighters and emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health benefits coverage.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, LBO, AF, CMA, ANE, AAL

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 12, 2021

TO: Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2171 by Metcalf (Relating to the eligibility of certain retired firefighters and emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health benefits coverage.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, AF, CMA, ANE, AAL

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 10, 2021

TO: Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB2171 by Metcalf (Relating to the eligibility of certain retired firefighters and emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health benefits coverage.), **As Engrossed**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

According to the Texas Association of Counties, no fiscal implication to counties is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, AF, CMA, ANE, AAL

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas**

FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 23, 2021

TO: Honorable Rafael Anchia, Chair, House Committee on Pensions, Investments & Financial Services

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: **HB2171** by Metcalf (Relating to the eligibility of certain retired firefighters and emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health benefits coverage.), **As Introduced**

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