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By:  Bell of Montgomery H.B. No. 4324

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the purchase of service credit in the Employees Retirement System of Texas by members of the Texas military forces.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter D, Chapter 813, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 813.300 to read as follows:

Sec. 813.300.  DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter, "state active duty," "state training and other duty," and "Texas military forces" have the meanings assigned by Section 437.001.

SECTION 2.  Section 813.301(a), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a)  Military service creditable in the retirement system is:

(1)  active federal duty as a member of the armed forces of the United States; or

(2)  state active duty or state training and other duty, as a member of the Texas military forces.

SECTION 3.  Section 813.304(b), Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b)  The retirement system shall use military service credit in computing service retirement or nonoccupational disability retirement benefits of a member of the employee class, regardless of the amount of service credit the member has in that class [~~only if the member has, without military service credit, at least five years of service credit in that class~~].

SECTION 4.  This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.