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H.B. No. 1663

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to purchase of service credit in the Teacher Retirement System of Texas by certain members with federal border security service work experience.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Subchapter D, Chapter 823, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER D. ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY AND FEDERAL BORDER
SECURITY SERVICE

SECTION 2. Subchapter D, Chapter 823, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 823.305 to read as follows:

Sec. 823.305. FEDERAL BORDER SECURITY SERVICE CREDIT. (a)
An eligible member may establish membership service credit for
federal border security service performed that is creditable in the
retirement system as provided by this section.

(b) Federal border security service creditable in the
retirement system is work performed as an employee of:

(1) the United States Department of Homeland Security,
including U.S. Customs and Border Protection; or

(2) any other federal agency with primary
responsibility for securing the United States-Mexico border by
interdicting:

(A) persons attempting to illegally enter or exit
the United States; or

1 (B) goods being illegally imported into or
2 exported from the United States.

3 (c) A member may not establish more than five years of
4 service credit in the retirement system under this section for
5 federal border security service.

6 (d) A member eligible to establish federal border security
7 service credit is one who has at least five years of service credit
8 in the retirement system for actual service in public schools.

9 (e) A member may establish credit under this section by
10 depositing with the retirement system for each year of federal
11 border security service claimed a contribution in an amount equal
12 to the member's contributions to the retirement system during the
13 first full year of membership service.

14 (f) After a member makes the deposits required by this
15 section, the retirement system shall grant the member one year of
16 federal border security service credit for each year of federal
17 border security service approved.

18 (g) The board of trustees may adopt rules necessary to
19 implement this section.

20 SECTION 3. Section 825.307(a), Government Code, is amended
21 to read as follows:

22 (a) The retirement system shall deposit in a member's
23 individual account in the member savings account:

24 (1) the amount of contributions to the retirement
25 system that is deducted from the member's compensation;

26 (2) the portion of a deposit made on or after
27 resumption of membership that represents the amount of retirement

1 benefits received;

2 (3) the portion of a deposit to reinstate service
3 credit previously canceled that represents the amount withdrawn or
4 refunded;

5 (4) the portion of a deposit to establish military
6 service credit required by Section 823.302(c);

7 (5) the portion of a deposit to establish USERRA
8 credit required by Section 823.304(c);

9 (6) the portion of a deposit to establish federal
10 border security service credit required by Section 823.305(e);

11 (7) the portion of a deposit to establish:

12 (A) equivalent membership service credit
13 required by Section 823.401(d), 823.402(e), 823.403(d),
14 823.404(c), or 823.406(b) or former Section 823.405; or

15 (B) unreported service credit or compensation
16 required by Section 825.403(h); and

17 (8) ~~[(7)]~~ interest earned on money in the account as
18 provided by Subsections (b) and (c) and Section 825.313(c).

19 SECTION 4. Section 823.305, Government Code, as added by
20 this Act, applies only to a member of the Teacher Retirement System
21 of Texas who retires on or after the effective date of this Act.

22 SECTION 5. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.