

AN ACT

relating to eligibility to participate as an annuitant in the state employees group benefits program.

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

SECTION 1. Section 1551.102, Insurance Code, is amended by adding Subsection (c-2) to read as follows:

(c-2) An individual is eligible to participate in the group benefits program as provided by Subsection (a) if the individual:

(1) was employed for at least 10 years by a school district established as specified by Section 19.002, Education Code, as the individual's last position of employment before retirement;

(2) has at least:

(A) 10 years of eligible service credit, including not more than five years of military service credited in the Employees Retirement System of Texas; or

(B) five years of eligible service credit and is the sole surviving spouse of military personnel who was killed in action; and

(3) retires under the jurisdiction of the Teacher Retirement System of Texas and:

(A) has accumulated membership service credit as provided by Section 823.201(a), Government Code, in an amount so that the sum of the person's age and amount of membership service

1 credit, including months of age and credit, equals or exceeds the
2 number 80; or

3 (B) is at least 65 years of age.

4 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
5 to an individual who retires on or after the effective date of this
6 Act. An individual who retires before the effective date of this
7 Act is governed by the law as it existed immediately before that
8 date, and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose.

9 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3813 was passed by the House on May 2, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 138, Nays 11, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3813 was passed by the Senate on May 17, 2023, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor