

BILL ANALYSIS

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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Current law requires a retiring teacher to decide whether to enroll for continued coverage under the Texas Public School Employees Group Insurance Program of the Teacher Retirement System on the day the teacher's retirement commences. Retiring teachers are not provided with an adequate amount of time to research different insurance options within the private sector.

H.B. 1191 grants teachers 90 days after the date of retirement to enroll in insurance coverage through the Texas Public School Employees Group Insurance Program of the Teacher Retirement System.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

Rulemaking authority is expressly granted to the Teacher Retirement System of Texas in SECTION 1 (Section 1575.161, Insurance Code) of this bill.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 1575.161(a), Insurance Code, to authorize a retiree eligible for coverage under the group program to select any coverage provided under this chapter for which the person is otherwise eligible on any date that is on or after the date the person retires and on or before the 90th day after that date; and during any other open enrollment periods for retirees set by the Teacher Retirement System of Texas by rule.

SECTION 2. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 3. Effective date: September 1, 2009.