

RESOLUTION

State health insurance benefits to all retired and active school employees

A RESOLUTION TO: Provide State health insurance to all retired and active school employees.

WHEREAS, Other State employees and higher education personnel are provided with health insurance benefits; and

WHEREAS, Texas is experiencing a major shortage of qualified teachers, not enough college students are selecting teaching as a career and Texas teachers receive much lower than average compensation; and

WHEREAS, Retirees and teachers are required to pay a significant portion of their pensions and salaries for health insurance; and the Teacher Retirement System (TRS Care) only insures older people making this insurance very expensive for the State and the retirees; and

WHEREAS, State funded health insurance would eliminate the need to reauthorize TRS Care health insurance funds each legislative session by the State Legislature and make educational employment and career choice more desirable for prospective teachers; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 11th Texas Silver-Haired Legislature encourage and strongly recommend that the 80th Texas Legislature pass legislation to provide full health insurance benefits for all education retirees and active school employees.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12th day of September, 2006, by the Education Committee.

Bobby Southwood, Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of September, 2006, by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Charlotte Parks, Speaker

ATTEST:

Carlos Higgins, Secretary