

By: Lela Foreman

No: T048

Committee: (Education) _____

RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION TO: Approve a cost-of-living adjustment for retired public and higher education employees.

WHEREAS: Without an increase in contribution by the state, no cost of living raises or ad hoc raises will be available for many years. The state now contributes 6 percent.

WHEREAS: State Law, Government Code at Section 825.404 paragraph @) states, "During each fiscal year, the state shall contribute to the retirement system an amount equal to eight percent of the aggregate annual compensation of all members of the retirement system during that fiscal year." Although this legislation was never funded since it was passed in 1989, it now should be.

WHEREAS: The TRS pension trust fund's normal cost now exceeds the guaranteed income to the fund which means that the unfunded liability of the pension trust fund cannot be increased to provide benefits for retired or active members; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the 79th Legislature contribute 8 percent each fiscal year, as passed in 1989, in order to insure that retired public and higher education employees receive a cost of living increase.

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004, by

the _____ Committee,

Chair

PASSED AND APPROVED this ____ day of September, 2004, by

by the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature.

Chris Kyker, Speaker

ATTEST:

Al Campbell, Secretary