

**SUBJECT:** Earnings reports by disability retirees to Teacher Retirement System

**COMMITTEE:** Pensions and Investments — committee substitute recommended

**VOTE:** 8 ayes — Tillery, Woolley, Crownover, Salinas, George, Goodman, Rangel, Williams  
0 nays  
1 absent — Telford

**WITNESSES:** For — Joel Romo, Association of Texas Professional Educators; Stacy Zoern, Coalition of Texans with Disabilities  
Against — None  
On — Ronnie Jung, Teacher Retirement System; Ron Lucey, Texas Commission for the Blind

**BACKGROUND:** Government Code, sec. 824.306 requires a disability retiree less than 60 years old to submit a report of earnings annually to the Teacher Retirement System (TRS). TRS must examine the report and may require the disability retiree to undergo a medical examination, if the retiree has reported earnings that the board of trustees considers excessive. The board can adopt rules establishing limits on disability retirees' annual earnings. If a disability retiree refuses to submit an annual report of earnings, TRS must discontinue the retiree's annuity payment until the retiree submits to a medical examination designated by TRS.

**DIGEST:** CSHB 927 would repeal Government Code, sec. 824.306.  
  
This bill would take immediate effect if finally passed by a two-thirds record vote of the membership of each house. Otherwise, it would take effect September 1, 2001.

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NOTES: HB 927 as filed would have retained the existing language of sec. 824.306 but added a provision that a disability retiree whom the medical board had certified as permanently and totally disabled would not have to submit an annual earnings report to TRS.