

1-1 By: Metcalf (Senate Sponsor - Creighton) H.B. No. 2171
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021;
 1-3 May 3, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on Local
 1-4 Government; May 13, 2021, reported adversely, with favorable
 1-5 Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0;
 1-6 May 13, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-7 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-10	X			
1-11	X			
1-12	X			
1-13	X			
1-14	X			
1-15	X			
1-16	X			
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1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2171 By: Paxton

1-19 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-20 AN ACT

1-21 relating to the eligibility of certain retired firefighters and
 1-22 emergency medical services providers to purchase continued health
 1-23 benefits coverage.

1-24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-25 SECTION 1. Section 175.001, Local Government Code, is
 1-26 amended to read as follows:

1-27 Sec. 175.001. APPLICABILITY. This chapter applies to a
 1-28 person who:

1-29 (1) retires from:

1-30 (A) county employment in a county with a
 1-31 population of 75,000 or more;

1-32 (B) employment by an appraisal district in a
 1-33 county with a population of 75,000 or more; ~~[or]~~

1-34 (C) municipal employment in a municipality with a
 1-35 population of 25,000 or more; or

1-36 (D) employment as a firefighter or emergency
 1-37 medical services provider by an emergency services district located
 1-38 wholly or partly in a county with a population of 150,000 or more;
 1-39 and

1-40 (2) is entitled to receive retirement benefits from a
 1-41 county, appraisal district, or municipal retirement plan or
 1-42 emergency services district.

1-43 SECTION 2. (a) Chapter 175, Local Government Code, as
 1-44 amended by this Act, applies according to its terms to all eligible
 1-45 persons who leave employment with an emergency services district on
 1-46 or after January 1, 2022.

1-47 (b) An emergency services district that is required by
 1-48 Chapter 175, Local Government Code, as amended by this Act, to
 1-49 provide continued health benefits coverage but that is not allowed
 1-50 to provide the coverage under the terms of the district's existing
 1-51 group health plan shall ensure that the required continued health
 1-52 benefits coverage is provided for in any new plan that is adopted by
 1-53 the district on or after January 1, 2022, unless the district is
 1-54 exempted under Section 175.007, Local Government Code.

1-55 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

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