

**83rd LEGISLATIVE SESSION:  
BILLS THAT AFFECT THE TEXAS MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND  
TEXAS PUBLIC PENSION PLANS**

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Bills Affecting the TMRS Act					
Bill No.	Author / Sponsor	Last Action	Companion	*Bill Summary	Bill Caption/Link to Text
None					

Bills Affecting Texas Public Pension Plans					
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HB 13	Callegari	Signed by Governor 5/24/2013 Effective 5/24/2013	SB 13	HB 13 establishes informational posting requirements for all public pension systems. It also requires the Pension Review Board to adopt and post model ethics and conflict of interest guidelines, develop minimum training requirements for system trustees and administrators, and offer training for trustees and administrators.	Relating to the State Pension Review Board and public retirement systems; authorizing a fee.  <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=83R&amp;Bill=HB13">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=83R&amp;Bill=HB13</a>
SB 200	Patrick	Signed by Governor 6/14/2013 Effective 9/1/2013	HB 2198	SB 200 is the Sunset reauthorization bill for the Pension Review Board. The bill requires the PRB to develop and implement a policy for negotiated rulemaking procedures. The bill allows for the PRB to develop alternative dispute resolution procedures to assist in the resolution of internal and external disputes under the PRB's jurisdiction. The bill also authorizes the PRB to develop and conduct training sessions and other educational activities for trustees and administrators of public retirement systems. The bill clarifies the definition of an actuarial experience study and the timeframe for reporting the studies to the PRB, which applies to systems other than the statewide retirement systems. The bill also clarifies that an audit of the actuarial valuation does not satisfy the requirement of having an annual financial audit.	Relating to the continuation and functions of the State Pension Review Board.  <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=83R&amp;Bill=SB200">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=83R&amp;Bill=SB200</a>

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				The bill also removed the legislative appointment positions from the Board, thereby reducing the size of the board from 9 to 7 members and incorporated responsibilities related to the Fire Fighter Pension Commissioner (FFPC) into the PRB.	
SB 220	Birdwell	Signed by Governor 6/14/2013 Effective 6/14/2013	HB 3148	SB 220 is the sunset bill for the Fire Fighter's Pension Commissioner. This bill abolished the Office of the Fire Fighter's Pension Commissioner and replaced the Commissioner's position with an executive director. The retirement plans under the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System (TESRS) would be stand alone, self-sustainable systems, while the volunteer plans under the Texas Local Fighters Retirement Systems would be able to join TESRS.	Relating to the abolition of the office of the fire fighters' pension commissioner and the transfer and disposition of its functions relating to the Texas Emergency Services Retirement System and the Texas local firefighters retirement systems.  <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=83R&amp;Bill=SB220">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/History.aspx?LegSess=83R&amp;Bill=SB220</a>
SB 366	Taylor	Signed by Governor 5/18/2013 Effective 5/18/2013	HB 1804	SB 366 clarified that political subdivisions which are defined as governmental entities including counties, municipalities, school districts, river authorities, other special purpose districts or authorities and junior college districts are authorized to offer a qualified Roth contribution program under Section 402A of the Internal Revenue Code. This pertains to both a 401(k) plan or 457 plan, as applicable under federal law.	Relating to the authority of political subdivisions to offer certain deferred compensation plans to employees.  <a href="http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=83R&amp;Bill=SB366">http://www.capitol.state.tx.us/BillLookup/Text.aspx?LegSess=83R&amp;Bill=SB366</a>

Note: This document intends to provide only a very brief synopsis of recent progress and an interpretive summary of certain pension related provisions of each listed bill. TMRS suggests the reader access more detailed information for each of the bills via the link that is provided.