



Public Statement

Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr.

SEN. LUCIO FILES TEXAS RETIREMENT SYSTEM SUNSET BILL

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AUSTIN, TX – Today Senator Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D-Brownsville) issued the following statement regarding the filing of Senate Bill 706 – the Teacher Retirement Sunset Bill:

“Current and retired Texas educators have voiced their frustrations and concerns with their retirement. As a member of the Texas Sunset Commission, I have taken the opportunity to make recommendations for actions the Teacher Retirement System can take to improve services to retirees. TRS is already acting on some of these recommendations; however, some critical actions require legislation to take effect.

“Today, I began the process of putting these retiree protections into law by filing Senate Bill 706, the Sunset bill for TRS. This bill will increase transparency at TRS, fix the return-to-work law, and grant greater access to the system's decision-making processes for current and retired educators.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues and all stakeholders to pass SB 706 into law, so that all current and former educators can feel secure in their retirement.”

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Sen. Eddie Lucio, Jr. (D – Harlingen) represents Cameron, Hidalgo, Kenedy, Kleberg, and Willacy Counties. He is the Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Finance; Vice-Chairman of the Senate Committee on Education; Member of the Senate Committees on State Affairs; Natural Resources & Economic Development; of the Special Committee on Redistricting; and, of the Select Committee Texas Ports. He is member of the Sunset Advisory Commission, DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Advisory Panel, and has been an ex-officio member of the DSHS Task Force of Border Public Health Officials since 2017. Elected in 1991, Lucio is third in seniority in the Texas Senate.