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H.B. No. 1345

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to leave for state employees who are volunteers of certain disaster relief organizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter [Z](#), Chapter [661](#), Government Code, is amended by adding Section 661.9075 to read as follows:

Sec. 661.9075. VOLUNTEERS OF TEXAS VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE IN DISASTER. (a) A state employee who is a volunteer of an organization that is a member of the Texas Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster may be granted leave to participate in disaster relief services without a deduction in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time if:

(1) the employee's supervisor authorizes the leave;

and

(2) the services in which the employee participates are provided for a state of disaster declared by the governor under Chapter [418](#).

(b) Leave granted to a state employee under Subsection (a) may not exceed 10 days each fiscal year.

SECTION 2. Section [661.907](#), Government Code, is repealed.

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