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H.B. No. 1470

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to legislative leave for certain peace officers
commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Parks and Wildlife
Code, is amended by adding Section 11.0183 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.0183. DONATION OF ACCRUED COMPENSATORY TIME OR
ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES. (a) The director
shall allow a peace officer commissioned by the department to
voluntarily transfer to a legislative leave pool up to eight hours
of compensatory time or annual leave per year earned by the peace
officer.

(b) The director or the director's designee shall
administer the legislative leave pool.

(c) The commission shall adopt rules and prescribe
procedures relating to the operation of the legislative leave pool.

(d) The director or the director's designee shall credit the
legislative leave pool with the amount of time contributed by a
peace officer commissioned by the department and deduct a
corresponding amount of time from the peace officer's earned
compensatory time or annual leave as if the peace officer had used
the time for personal purposes.

(e) A peace officer commissioned by the department is
entitled to use time contributed to the legislative leave pool if

1 the peace officer uses the time for legislative leave on behalf of a
2 law enforcement association:

3 (1) related to the peace officer's employment with the
4 department;

5 (2) that has at least 300 active or retired members;
6 and

7 (3) that is governed by a board of directors.

8 (f) The director or the director's designee shall transfer
9 time from the pool to the peace officer and credit the time to the
10 peace officer.

11 (g) A peace officer commissioned by the department may only
12 withdraw time from the legislative leave pool in coordination with
13 and with the consent of the president or designee of the law
14 enforcement association described in Subsection (e). A peace
15 officer may not draw more than 80 hours from the pool in a 160-hour
16 work cycle and may not draw more than 480 hours from the pool in a
17 fiscal year.

18 (h) A peace officer commissioned by the department shall use
19 time from the legislative leave pool in accordance with rules
20 adopted by the commission.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2023.