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S.B. No. 886

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to a legislative leave time bank for peace officers and
3 firefighters.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 614, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 614.011 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 614.011. LEGISLATIVE LEAVE TIME BANK. (a) A peace
8 officer or fire fighter may donate not more than one hour for each
9 month of accumulated vacation or compensatory time in increments of
10 one-quarter hour to the legislative leave time bank of an employee
11 organization. The employer shall establish and maintain a
12 legislative leave time bank for each employee organization.

13 (b) The peace officer or fire fighter must authorize the
14 donation in writing on a form provided by the employee organization
15 and approved by the employer. After receiving the signed
16 authorization on an approved form, the employer shall transfer
17 donated time to the legislative leave time bank monthly until the
18 employer receives the peace officer's or fire fighter's written
19 revocation of the authorization.

20 (c) Only a peace officer or fire fighter who is a member of
21 an employee organization may use for legislative leave purposes the
22 time donated to the legislative leave time bank of that employee
23 organization. A peace officer or fire fighter may use for
24 legislative leave purposes the time donated under this section

1 instead of reimbursing the employer under Section 614.005.

2 (d) A request to use for legislative leave purposes the time
3 in an employee organization's legislative leave time bank must be
4 in writing and submitted to the employer by the president or the
5 equivalent officer of the employee organization or by that
6 officer's designee.

7 (e) A legislative leave time bank authorized by this section
8 is perpetual. Unused time donated to an employee organization's
9 legislative leave time bank carries over from year to year until
10 used by the employee organization.

11 (f) The employer shall account for the time donated to the
12 legislative leave time bank and used from the time bank. The
13 employer may:

14 (1) determine and credit the actual cash value of the
15 donated time in the legislative leave time bank and determine and
16 debit the actual cash value of time used from the time bank for
17 legislative leave purposes; or

18 (2) credit and debit a legislative leave time bank on
19 an hour-for-hour basis regardless of the cash value of the time
20 donated or used.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2001.