

BILL ANALYSIS

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C.S.H.B. 1462
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

Currently, the number of Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is insufficient to meet the needs of the children entering the foster care system in Texas. In order to promote advocacy on behalf of these children in the foster care system, this bill authorizes state employees to be granted leave, not to exceed five hours each month, to become a CASA volunteer.

C.S.H.B. 1462 amends current law relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for CASA.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter Z, Chapter 661, Government Code, by adding Section 661.921, as follows:

Sec. 661.921. COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES VOLUNTEER. Authorizes a state employee to be granted leave not to exceed five hours each month to participate in mandatory training or perform volunteer services for Court Appointed Special Advocates without a deduction in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.