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H.B. No. 1462

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT
2 relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or
3 participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 661, Government Code, is
6 amended by adding Section 661.921 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 661.921. COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES VOLUNTEER.

8 (a) A state employee may be granted leave not to exceed five hours
9 each month to participate in mandatory training or perform
10 volunteer services for Court Appointed Special Advocates without a
11 deduction in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned
12 overtime credit, or state compensatory time. This section does not
13 apply to an employee of the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas
14 Juvenile Probation Commission, or the Texas Department of Criminal
15 Justice.

16 (b) A state employee may not be granted leave under
17 Subsection (a) unless the employee obtains approval from the
18 employee's supervisor before taking the leave.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
20 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
21 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.