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H.B. No. 3047

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1  
2 relating to compensation provided by state agencies to employees  
3 who elect to purchase a bus pass.

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

5 SECTION 1. Subchapter E, Chapter 659, Government Code, is  
6 amended by adding Section 659.062 to read as follows:

7 Sec. 659.062. BUS PASSES. (a) In addition to other  
8 benefits of employment provided by law, a state agency in any branch  
9 of state government shall offer a benefit program to its employees  
10 under which the agency pays half the cost of an annual bus pass for  
11 an agency employee who purchases a bus pass for the employee's use.

12 (b) To participate in the program, a state employee must  
13 present acceptable documentation to the employing agency during the  
14 annual open enrollment period for state officers and employees for  
15 the group benefits program under Chapter 1551, Insurance Code,  
16 showing that the employee has purchased a current annual bus pass  
17 for the employee's own use and showing the cost to the employee of  
18 the annual bus pass.

19 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.