(In the Senate - Filed February 20, 2009; March 13, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Government Organization; April 1, 2009, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0; April 1, 2009, sent to printer 1-1 1**-**2 1**-**3 1-4 1-5 1-6 1-7 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 1-8 relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or 1-9 participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates. BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 661, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 661.921 to read as follows: 1-10 1-11 1-12 Sec. 661.921. COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES VOLUNTEER. 1-13 A state employee may 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 1-14 1**-**15 1**-**16 1-17 in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-18 1-19 1-20 1-21 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-22 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-23 Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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