

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

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**TO:** Honorable Royce West, Chair, Senate Committee on Intergovernmental Relations

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB1177** by Guillen (Relating to the eligibility of certain peace officers and firefighters for legislative leave.), **As Engrossed**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would entitle a fire fighter or a peace officer employed by a municipality with a population of 50,000 or more or a county with a population of 190,000 or more to request legislative leave to serve in, appear before, or petition a governmental body during a regular or special session of the body.

Current statute applies to a municipality with a population of 200,000 or more or to a county with a population of 500,000 or more. The proposed change would increase the number of municipalities and counties to which the statute would apply.

**Local Government Impact**

Statute authorizes a municipality and a county in which the fire fighters and peace officers are entitled to seek legislative leave to require the fire fighters and peace officers to reimburse the government entity for wages, pension, or other costs the employer will incur as a result of the leave. Therefore, no fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:**

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