

SENATE AMENDMENTS

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By: Pickett, Herrero, Moody, Guillen

H.B. No. 1462

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or 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:

Sec. 661.921. COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES VOLUNTEER.

(a) 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 in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time. This section does not apply to an employee of the Texas Youth Commission, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission, or the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

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

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

ADOPTED

MAY 23 2009

Atty. Gen. Spaw
Secretary of the Senate

By: *P. Hest*

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Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1402:

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 28, 2009

TO: Honorable Joe Straus, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

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

IN RE: HB1462 by Pickett (Relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

This bill would grant up to 60 hours per year of time off from work without reduction in pay or leave to state employees who volunteer for the Court Appointed Special Advocates program. Court Appointed Special Advocates is an organization that trains and organizes volunteers who are appointed by judges to oversee and advocate for abused and neglected children as they move through the legal and social service systems.

The bill would result in lost productive time at work for the employees who participate in the volunteer program. Lost productive time is not a direct fiscal impact to the state. If one percent or 1,455 state employees participated in the program and used the maximum of 60 hours of leave per year then the state would pay \$2.3 million dollars in salary to employees for time away from work.

Local Government Impact

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies: 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 308 State Auditor's Office

LBB Staff: JOB, SZ, MN, JI, DH, CL

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FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2009

TO: Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Administration

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

IN RE: HB1462 by Pickett (Relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates.), **Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 15, 2009

TO: Honorable Tommy Williams, Chair, Senate Committee on Administration

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

IN RE: HB1462 by Pickett (Relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates.), **As Engrossed**

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The bill would result in lost productive time at work for the employees who participate in the volunteer program. Lost productive time is not a direct fiscal impact to the state. If 500 of the approximately 103,200 state employees eligible to participate in the program were to volunteer the maximum of 60 hours per year the state would pay \$0.8 million dollars in salary to employees for time away from work.

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LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 81ST LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

March 25, 2009

TO: Honorable Patrick M. Rose, Chair, House Committee on Human Services

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

IN RE: HB1462 by Pickett (Relating to leave for certain state employees who volunteer or participate in training for Court Appointed Special Advocates.), **As Introduced**

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