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H.B. No. 1562

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to authorizing state agencies to establish a four-day
3 workweek.

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

5 SECTION 1. Section 658.005, Government Code, is amended by
6 amending Subsection (a) and adding Subsections (a-1) and (a-2) to
7 read as follows:

8 Sec. 658.005. REGULAR OFFICE HOURS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES.

9 (a) Except as provided by Subsection (a-1), normal ~~[Normal]~~ office
10 hours of a state agency are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through
11 Friday. These hours are the regular working hours for a full-time
12 state employee of an agency that is open five days each week.

13 (a-1) The chief administrator of a state agency may choose
14 to keep the agency open only four days each week, from Monday
15 through Thursday or from Tuesday through Friday. A state agency
16 that operates under this subsection is not required to provide
17 regular services from Friday through Sunday or from Saturday
18 through Monday, as applicable. The normal office hours of a state
19 agency that operates four days each week are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.,
20 and those hours are the regular working hours for a full-time state
21 employee of the agency. The state agency shall publicize the
22 agency's business days and hours on the agency's Internet website.

23 (a-2) The offices of a state agency shall remain open during
24 the noon hour each working day with at least one person on duty to

1 accept calls, receive visitors, or transact business.

2 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2011.