

AN ACT

relating to the use of sick leave by state employees who are attending educational activities of their children.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 661.206, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 661.206. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES [~~PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE~~]: USE OF SICK LEAVE.

SECTION 2. Sections 661.206(b), (c), and (d), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) An employee may use up to eight hours of sick leave each fiscal year to attend educational activities of [~~parent-teacher conference sessions for~~] the employee's children.

(c) An employee shall give reasonable advance notice of the employee's intention to use the sick leave to attend an educational activity [~~a parent-teacher conference~~].

(d) In this section:

(1) "Educational activity" means a school-sponsored activity, including a parent-teacher conference, tutoring, a volunteer program, a field trip, a classroom program, a school committee meeting, an academic competition, and an athletic, music, or theater program.

(2) "Employee" has the meaning assigned by Section 661.001.

1 (3) [~~(2)~~] "Parent" means a person standing in parental
2 relation.

3 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 480 was passed by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 480 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor