1-1 By: Alvarado, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Ellis) H.B. No. 480
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 29, 2013;
1-3 April 30, 2013, read first time and referred to Committee on State
1-4 Affairs; May 7, 2013, reported favorably by the following vote:
1-5 Yeas 7, Nays 0; May 7, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOT

1-7		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-8	Duncan	X	-		
1-9	Deuell	Х			
1-10	Ellis	Х			
1-11	Fraser	X			
1-12	Huffman			X	
1-13	Lucio	X			
1-14	Nichols			X	
1-15	Van de Putte	Х			
1-16	Williams	Х			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

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1-40 1-41 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. <u>EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES</u> [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.
- 1-42 (3) [(2)] "Parent" means a person standing in parental 1-43 relation.

1-44 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives 1-45 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as 1-46 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this 1-47 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this 1-48 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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