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S.B. No. 442

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to leave for certain veterans returning to state employment.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter Z, Chapter 661, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 661.920 to read as follows:

Sec. 661.920. LEAVE FOR REEMPLOYED VETERANS. A state employee who is reemployed by a state agency after military service as provided by Section 431.006 or Chapter 613 shall be granted leave to tend to matters relating to the employee's military service or reintegration into civilian life, including obtaining medical or mental health care and receiving employee assistance counseling. Leave under this section may not exceed 15 days without a deduction in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time. Leave under this section may not be used after the first anniversary of the date the employee is reemployed by the state agency.

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.