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S.B. No. 442

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to leave for certain veterans returning to state
3 employment.

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

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

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

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