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H.B. No. 3015

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to vacation leave time accounts for firefighter employee organizations.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 142, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 142.015 to read as follows:

Sec. 142.015. VACATION LEAVE TIME ACCOUNT FOR FIREFIGHTERS.

(a) A municipality shall establish and maintain a vacation leave time account for each firefighter employee organization.

(b) A firefighter who is a member of an employee organization may donate any amount of accumulated vacation time to the vacation leave time account of the employee organization to which the firefighter belongs.

(c) A firefighter who wishes to donate time to the account established under this section must authorize the donation in writing on a form provided by the employee organization and approved by the municipality.

(d) Only a firefighter who is a member of an employee organization may use the vacation time donated to the account of the employee organization. A firefighter may use the time donated under this section without receiving a reduction in salary and without reimbursing the municipality.

(e) A request to use the vacation time in an employee organization's vacation leave time account must be in writing and

1 be submitted to the municipality by the president or the equivalent
2 officer of the employee organization or by that officer's designee.

3 (f) The municipality shall account for the time donated to
4 each vacation leave time account and used from each account. The
5 municipality shall credit and debit the applicable vacation leave
6 time account on an hour-for-hour basis regardless of the cash value
7 of the time donated or used.

8 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2017.