

1-1 By: Metcalf, et al. (Senate Sponsor - Alvarado) H.B. No. 41
 1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House March 21, 2019;
 1-3 March 27, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on
 1-4 Business & Commerce; April 10, 2019, reported favorably by the
 1-5 following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 1; April 10, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7	X			
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1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to paid leave for a state employee who is a search and
 1-20 rescue volunteer.

1-21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-22 SECTION 1. Section 661.905, Government Code, is amended to
 1-23 read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 661.905. VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS, ~~[AND]~~ EMERGENCY
 1-25 MEDICAL SERVICES VOLUNTEERS, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE VOLUNTEERS. (a)

1-26 In this section:

1-27 (1) "Emergency" ~~["emergency"]~~ medical services
 1-28 volunteer" has the meaning assigned by Section 773.003, Health and
 1-29 Safety Code.

1-30 (2) "Search and rescue volunteer" means an individual
 1-31 who without remuneration, except reimbursement for expenses,
 1-32 provides services for or on behalf of an organization that conducts
 1-33 search and rescue activities.

1-34 (b) A state employee who is a volunteer firefighter, ~~[or]~~ an
 1-35 emergency medical services volunteer, or a search and rescue
 1-36 volunteer is entitled to a leave of absence without a deduction in
 1-37 salary to attend fire service, ~~[or]~~ emergency medical services, or
 1-38 search and rescue training conducted by a state agency or
 1-39 institution of higher education. Leave without a deduction in
 1-40 salary under this subsection may not exceed five working days in a
 1-41 fiscal year.

1-42 (c) A state agency or institution of higher education may
 1-43 grant leave without a deduction in salary to a volunteer
 1-44 firefighter, ~~[or]~~ an emergency medical services volunteer, or a
 1-45 search and rescue volunteer for the purpose of allowing the
 1-46 firefighter, ~~[or]~~ emergency medical services volunteer, or search
 1-47 and rescue volunteer to respond to emergency fire, ~~[or]~~ medical, or
 1-48 search and rescue situations if the agency or institution has an
 1-49 established policy for granting that leave.

1-50 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

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