By:  Toth H.B. No. 33

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the entitlement of a member of the legislature to receive certain state funds following an absence without leave when the applicable house of the legislature lacks a quorum to do business.

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

SECTION 1.  Subchapter F, Chapter 301, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 301.073 to read as follows:

Sec. 301.073.  MEMBER NOT ENTITLED TO STATE FUNDS IF ABSENT WITHOUT LEAVE WHEN QUORUM NOT PRESENT. A member of the legislature is not entitled to receive any state funds that the member would otherwise be entitled to receive or manage as a member of the legislature, including funds provided to operate an office of the member, for the one-year period beginning on any date the member is absent without a leave of absence granted by the house of the legislature of which the person is a member if that house lacks a quorum to do business. This section does not apply to funds the member is entitled to receive under the constitution.

SECTION 2.  Section 301.073, Government Code, as added by this Act, applies only to an absence that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3.  This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the legislative session.