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H.B. No. 20

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to the entitlement of a member of the legislature to  
3 receive certain state funds following an absence without leave when  
4 the applicable house of the legislature lacks a quorum to do  
5 business.

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

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

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

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

22 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
23 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
24 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this

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1 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
2 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the  
3 legislative session.