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H.B. No. 3216

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to legislative leave for certain peace officers  
commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Parks and Wildlife  
Code, is amended by adding Section 11.0183 to read as follows:

Sec. 11.0183. DONATION OF ACCRUED COMPENSATORY TIME OR  
ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES. (a) The director  
shall allow a peace officer commissioned by the department to  
voluntarily transfer to a legislative leave pool up to eight hours  
of compensatory time or annual leave per year earned by the peace  
officer.

(b) The director or the director's designee shall  
administer the legislative leave pool.

(c) The commission shall adopt rules and prescribe  
procedures relating to the operation of the legislative leave pool.

(d) The director or the director's designee shall credit the  
legislative leave pool with the amount of time contributed by a  
peace officer commissioned by the department and deduct a  
corresponding amount of time from the peace officer's earned  
compensatory time or annual leave as if the peace officer had used  
the time for personal purposes.

(e) A peace officer commissioned by the department is  
entitled to use time contributed to the legislative leave pool if

1 the peace officer uses the time for legislative leave on behalf of a  
2 law enforcement association:

3 (1) related to the peace officer's employment with the  
4 department;

5 (2) that has at least 300 active or retired members;  
6 and

7 (3) that is governed by a board of directors.

8 (f) The director or the director's designee shall transfer  
9 time from the pool to the peace officer and credit the time to the  
10 peace officer.

11 (g) A peace officer commissioned by the department may only  
12 withdraw time from the legislative leave pool in coordination with  
13 and with the consent of the president or designee of the law  
14 enforcement association described in Subsection (e). A peace  
15 officer may not draw more than 80 hours from the pool in a 160-hour  
16 work cycle and may not draw more than 480 hours from the pool in a  
17 fiscal year.

18 (h) A peace officer commissioned by the department shall use  
19 time from the legislative leave pool in accordance with rules  
20 adopted by the commission.

21 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2021.