

# SENATE AMENDMENTS

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H.B. No. 2073

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT  
2 relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers,  
3 detention officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by,  
4 appointed by, or elected for a political subdivision.

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

6 SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 180, Local Government  
7 Code, is amended to read as follows:

8 CHAPTER 180. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AFFECTING OFFICERS AND  
9 EMPLOYEES OF MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF [~~MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, AND~~  
10 ~~CERTAIN OTHER~~] LOCAL GOVERNMENT [~~GOVERNMENTS~~]

11 SECTION 2. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended  
12 by adding Section 180.008 to read as follows:

13 Sec. 180.008. QUARANTINE LEAVE FOR FIRE FIGHTERS, PEACE  
14 OFFICERS, DETENTION OFFICERS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS.

15 (a) In this section:

16 (1) "Detention officer" means an individual appointed  
17 or employed by a political subdivision as a county jailer or other  
18 individual responsible for the care and custody of individuals  
19 incarcerated in a county or municipal jail.

20 (2) "Emergency medical technician" means an  
21 individual who is:

22 (A) certified as an emergency medical technician  
23 under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code; and

24 (B) employed by a political subdivision.

1           (3) "Fire fighter" means a paid employee of a  
2 municipal fire department or emergency services district who:

3           (A) holds a position that requires substantial  
4 knowledge of fire fighting;

5           (B) has met the requirements for certification by  
6 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection under Chapter 419,  
7 Government Code; and

8           (C) performs a function listed in Section  
9 143.003(4)(A).

10          (4) "Peace officer" means an individual described by  
11 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is elected for,  
12 employed by, or appointed by a political subdivision.

13          (b) A political subdivision shall place on paid quarantine  
14 leave a fire fighter, peace officer, detention officer, or  
15 emergency medical technician employed by the political subdivision  
16 and ordered by a supervisor or a health authority to quarantine or  
17 isolate due to a possible or known exposure to a communicable  
18 disease while on duty.

19          (c) A political subdivision shall provide to a fire fighter,  
20 peace officer, detention officer, or emergency medical technician  
21 on quarantine leave:

22           (1) all employment benefits and compensation,  
23 including leave accrual, pension benefits, and health benefit plan  
24 benefits; and

25           (2) costs related to the quarantine, including  
26 lodging, medical, and transportation costs.

27          (d) A political subdivision may not reduce a fire fighter's,

1 peace officer's, detention officer's, or emergency medical  
2 technician's sick leave balance, vacation leave balance, holiday  
3 leave balance, or other paid leave balance in connection with  
4 quarantine leave required by Subsection (b).

5         SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
6 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

ADOPTED

MAY 26 2021

*Lately Saw*  
Secretary of the Senate

By: *[Signature]*

H.B. No. 2073

Substitute the following for \_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_\_:

By: *[Signature]*

C.S. \_\_\_B. No. \_\_\_\_\_

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relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers, detention officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by, or elected for a political subdivision.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 180. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS AFFECTING OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF MORE THAN ONE TYPE OF [~~MUNICIPALITIES, COUNTIES, AND CERTAIN OTHER~~] LOCAL GOVERNMENT [~~GOVERNMENTS~~]

SECTION 2. Chapter 180, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 180.008 to read as follows:

Sec. 180.008. PAID QUARANTINE LEAVE FOR FIRE FIGHTERS, PEACE OFFICERS, DETENTION OFFICERS, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS. (a) In this section:

(1) "Detention officer" means an individual appointed or employed by a political subdivision as a county jailer or other individual responsible for the care and custody of individuals incarcerated in a county or municipal jail.

(2) "Emergency medical technician" means an individual who is:

(A) certified as an emergency medical technician under Chapter 773, Health and Safety Code; and

(B) employed by a political subdivision.

1           (3) "Fire fighter" means a paid employee of a  
2 municipal fire department or emergency services district who:

3                   (A) holds a position that requires substantial  
4 knowledge of fire fighting;

5                   (B) has met the requirements for certification by  
6 the Texas Commission on Fire Protection under Chapter 419,  
7 Government Code; and

8                   (C) performs a function listed in Section  
9 143.003(4)(A).

10           (4) "Health authority" has the meaning assigned by  
11 Section 121.021, Health and Safety Code.

12           (5) "Peace officer" means an individual described by  
13 Article 2.12, Code of Criminal Procedure, who is elected for,  
14 employed by, or appointed by a political subdivision.

15           (b) The governing body of a political subdivision shall  
16 develop and implement a paid quarantine leave policy for fire  
17 fighters, peace officers, detention officers, and emergency  
18 medical technicians who are employed by, appointed by, or elected  
19 for the political subdivision and ordered to quarantine or isolate  
20 due to a possible or known exposure to a communicable disease while  
21 on duty.

22           (c) A paid quarantine leave policy must:

23                   (1) provide that a fire fighter, peace officer,  
24 detention officer, or emergency medical technician on paid  
25 quarantine leave receive:

26                   (A) all employment benefits and compensation,  
27 including leave accrual, pension benefits, and health benefit plan

1 benefits for the duration of the leave; and

2 (B) reimbursement for reasonable costs related  
3 to the quarantine, including lodging, medical, and transportation;  
4 and

5 (2) require that the leave be ordered by the person's  
6 supervisor or the political subdivision's health authority.

7 (d) A political subdivision may not reduce a fire fighter's,  
8 peace officer's, detention officer's, or emergency medical  
9 technician's sick leave balance, vacation leave balance, holiday  
10 leave balance, or other paid leave balance in connection with paid  
11 quarantine leave taken in accordance with a policy adopted under  
12 this section.

13 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
14 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
15 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
16 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
17 Act takes effect September 1, 2021.

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**

**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 27, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Dade Phelan, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2073** by Burrows (Relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers, detention officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by, or elected for a political subdivision.),  
**As Passed 2nd House**

<b>No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.</b>
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The bill would amend the Local Government Code to require political subdivisions to provide paid quarantine leave to fire fighters, peace officers, and emergency medical technicians who may have been exposed to a communicable disease while on duty.

**Local Government Impact**

According to the Texas Association of Counties, the fiscal implications of the bill to counties cannot be determined at this time but could be significant.

The fiscal implications of the bill to other units of local government also cannot be determined at this time.

**Source Agencies:**

**LBB Staff:** JMc, SD, AF, CMA, DPE

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**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 21, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2073** by Burrows (Relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers, detention officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by, or elected for a political subdivision.),  
**Committee Report 2nd House, Substituted**

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**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**May 20, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Paul Bettencourt, Chair, Senate Committee on Local Government

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: HB2073** by Burrows (Relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers, detention officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by, or elected for a political subdivision.),  
**As Engrossed**

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**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 87TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**March 17, 2021**

**TO:** Honorable Garnet Coleman, Chair, House Committee on County Affairs

**FROM:** Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE:** **HB2073** by Burrows (Relating to quarantine leave for fire fighters, peace officers, and emergency medical technicians employed by, appointed by, or elected for a political subdivision.), **As Introduced**

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