

1-1 By: Harris (Senate Sponsor - Hughes) H.B. No. 3216  
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 26, 2021;  
1-3 May 17, 2021, read first time and referred to Committee on State  
1-4 Affairs; May 21, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote:  
1-5 Yeas 9, Nays 0; May 21, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
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1-8	<u>Hughes</u>	X		
1-9	<u>Birdwell</u>	X		
1-10	<u>Campbell</u>	X		
1-11	<u>Hall</u>	X		
1-12	<u>Lucio</u>	X		
1-13	<u>Nelson</u>	X		
1-14	<u>Powell</u>	X		
1-15	<u>Schwertner</u>	X		
1-16	<u>Zaffirini</u>	X		

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to legislative leave for certain peace officers  
1-20 commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Department.

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

1-22 SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Parks and Wildlife  
1-23 Code, is amended by adding Section 11.0183 to read as follows:

1-24 Sec. 11.0183. DONATION OF ACCRUED COMPENSATORY TIME OR  
1-25 ACCRUED ANNUAL LEAVE FOR LEGISLATIVE PURPOSES. (a) The director  
1-26 shall allow a peace officer commissioned by the department to  
1-27 voluntarily transfer to a legislative leave pool up to eight hours  
1-28 of compensatory time or annual leave per year earned by the peace  
1-29 officer.

1-30 (b) The director or the director's designee shall  
1-31 administer the legislative leave pool.

1-32 (c) The commission shall adopt rules and prescribe  
1-33 procedures relating to the operation of the legislative leave pool.

1-34 (d) The director or the director's designee shall credit the  
1-35 legislative leave pool with the amount of time contributed by a  
1-36 peace officer commissioned by the department and deduct a  
1-37 corresponding amount of time from the peace officer's earned  
1-38 compensatory time or annual leave as if the peace officer had used  
1-39 the time for personal purposes.

1-40 (e) A peace officer commissioned by the department is  
1-41 entitled to use time contributed to the legislative leave pool if  
1-42 the peace officer uses the time for legislative leave on behalf of a  
1-43 law enforcement association:

1-44 (1) related to the peace officer's employment with the  
1-45 department;

1-46 (2) that has at least 300 active or retired members;  
1-47 and

1-48 (3) that is governed by a board of directors.

1-49 (f) The director or the director's designee shall transfer  
1-50 time from the pool to the peace officer and credit the time to the  
1-51 peace officer.

1-52 (g) A peace officer commissioned by the department may only  
1-53 withdraw time from the legislative leave pool in coordination with  
1-54 and with the consent of the president or designee of the law  
1-55 enforcement association described in Subsection (e). A peace  
1-56 officer may not draw more than 80 hours from the pool in a 160-hour  
1-57 work cycle and may not draw more than 480 hours from the pool in a  
1-58 fiscal year.

1-59 (h) A peace officer commissioned by the department shall use  
1-60 time from the legislative leave pool in accordance with rules  
1-61 adopted by the commission.

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

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