

1-1 By: Hughes S.B. No. 983
1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 3, 2021; March 18, 2021, read
1-3 first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs;
1-4 April 8, 2021, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 9,
1-5 Nays 0; April 8, 2021, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

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