

SUBJECT: Authorizing injury leave for law enforcement commissioned by AG

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — favorable, without amendment

VOTE: 11 ayes — Cook, Giddings, Craddick, Farney, Geren, Harless, Huberty, Kuempel, Minjarez, Oliveira, Sylvester Turner

0 nays

2 absent — Farrar, Smithee

SENATE VOTE: On final passage, May 8 — 31-0, on local and uncontested calendar

WITNESSES: No public hearing

BACKGROUND: Government Code, sec. 661.918 entitles certain law enforcement officers and agents to injury leave without a salary deduction or a reduction of any other kind of leave that the officer has accrued. This applies to law enforcement commissioned by:

- the Public Safety Commission and the director of the Department of Public Safety;
- the Parks and Wildlife Commission; or
- the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

These officers and agents are eligible for injury leave for any injury received due to the nature of the officer's duties that occurred during the course of duty.

The attorney general employs various officers and agents for its different divisions to investigate sexual predators, deceptive trade practices, and other offenses of state and federal crimes, but they are not entitled to the injury leave provided under Government Code, sec. 661.918.

DIGEST: SB 1330 would include law enforcement officers and agents of the attorney general in the list of officers and agents that are eligible to

receive injury leave if injured in the course of duty.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2015.