

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST

Under current law, fire fighters and police officers (officers) who have been suspended and have had the suspension time period reduced by the Fire Fighters' and Police Officers' Civil Service Commission (commission) are entitled to full compensation for time lost. However, the law does not specifically entitle the officer to restoration of, or credit for benefits such as sick leave, vacation time, and service credit in retirement systems. H.B. 1078 entitles an officer whose suspension has been reduced by the commission to the restoration of, or credit for benefits such as sick leave, vacation time, and service credit in retirement systems.

PURPOSE

As proposed, H.B. 1078 entitles an officer whose suspension has been reduced to the restoration of or credit for benefits such as sick leave, vacation time, and service credit in retirement systems.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 143.053(f), Local Government Code, to provide that a fire fighter or a police officer is entitled to restoration or credit for certain benefits lost as a result of a suspension. Requires standard payroll deductions for restored benefits to be made from the compensation paid, and requires the municipality to make its standard contributions to the retirement system. Makes conforming changes.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 1999.

SECTION 3. Makes application of this Act prospective.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.