AN ACT

relating to compensation for certain emergency services personnel.

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

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 659, Government Code, is
amended by adding Section 659.025 to read as follows:

Sec. 659.025. USE OF COMPENSATORY TIME BY CERTAIN EMERGENCY
SERVICES PERSONNEL; OPTIONAL OVERTIME PAYMENT. (a) In this
section, "emergency services personnel" includes firefighters,
police officers and other peace officers, emergency medical
technicians, emergency management personnel, and other individuals
who are required, in the course and scope of their employment, to
provide services for the benefit of the general public during
emergency situations.

(b) This section applies only to a state employee who is
emergency services personnel, who is not subject to the overtime
provisions of the federal Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (29
U.S.C. Section 201 et seq.), and who is not an employee of the
legislature, including an employee of the lieutenant governor or of
a legislative agency.

(c) Notwithstanding Section 659.016 or any other law, an
employee to whom this section applies may be allowed to take
compensatory time off during the 18-month period following the end
of the workweek in which the compensatory time was accrued.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 659.016 or any other law, the
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1 administrative head of a state agency that employs an employee to
2 whom this section applies may pay the employee overtime at the
3 employee's regular hourly salary rate for all or part of the hours
4 of compensatory time off accrued by the employee during a declared
5 disaster in the preceding 18-month period. The administrative head
6 shall reduce the employee's compensatory time balance by one hour
7 for each hour the employee is paid overtime under this section.
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SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.
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David B.人才培养
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1474 passed the Senate on April 23, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 0.

Jim Strange
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.B. No. 1474 passed the House on May 26, 2009, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, two present not voting.

Lyndon B. Johnson
Secretary of the Senate

Robert Heinen
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

19 May 2009

RICK PERRY
Governor

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