

CHAPTER 250

H.B. No. 480

AN ACT

relating to the use of sick leave by state employees who are attending educational activities of their children.

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

SECTION 1. The heading to Section 661.206, Government Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 661.206. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES [~~PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE~~]: USE OF SICK LEAVE.

SECTION 2. Sections 661.206(b), (c), and (d), Government Code, are amended to read as follows:

(b) An employee may use up to eight hours of sick leave each fiscal year to attend educational activities of [~~parent-teacher conference sessions for~~] the employee's children.

(c) An employee shall give reasonable advance notice of the employee's intention to use the sick leave to attend an educational activity [~~a parent-teacher conference~~].

(d) In this section:

(1) "Educational activity" means a school-sponsored activity, including a parent-teacher conference, tutoring, a volunteer program, a field trip, a classroom program, a school committee meeting, an academic competition, and an athletic, music, or theater program.

(2) "Employee" has the meaning assigned by Section 661.001.

1            (3) [~~(2)~~] "Parent" means a person standing in parental  
2 relation.

3            SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives  
4 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
5 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
6 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
7 Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

David Dewhurst  
President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 480 was passed by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 129, Nays 7, 2 present, not voting.

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 480 was passed by the Senate on May 15, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Patsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 14 JUNE '13  
Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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