

CHAPTER 853

H.B. No. 2590

AN ACT

relating to leave for police officers for purposes of pursuing an education.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:*

SECTION 1. Chapter 142, Local Government Code, is amended by adding Section 142.011 to read as follows:

*Sec. 142.011. EDUCATIONAL LEAVE. (a) On written application by a member of the police department, a municipality may grant the person a leave of absence to enable the person to enroll full-time in college to pursue a course of study related to law enforcement or public safety.*

*(b) The person is entitled to continue receiving employee benefits, including health and life insurance and accumulation of retirement credit, while on leave under Subsection (a) if the person pays both the person's and the municipality's share of the cost of the benefits.*

*(c) On reinstatement, the person shall receive full seniority credit for the time spent on leave under Subsection (a).*

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 1993.

SECTION 3. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended.

Passed by the House on April 30, 1993, by a non-record vote; passed by the Senate on May 24, 1993: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved June 19, 1993.

Effective Sept. 1, 1993.