

## **BILL ANALYSIS**

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### **AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT**

Current law does not provide for specialized leave for state employees to participate in mandatory training or to perform volunteer services for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). If the state employee is absent from work for this purpose, he or she is required to use vacation or compensatory time.

As proposed, S.B. 1051 authorizes a state employee to be granted leave not to exceed five hours each month to participate in mandatory training or perform volunteer services for CASA without a deduction in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time.

### **RULEMAKING AUTHORITY**

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

### **SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS**

SECTION 1. Amends Subchapter Z, Chapter 661, Government Code, by adding Section 661.921, as follows:

Sec. 661.921. COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES VOLUNTEER. Authorizes a state employee to be granted leave not to exceed five hours each month to participate in mandatory training or perform volunteer services for Court Appointed Special Advocates without a deduction in salary or loss of vacation time, sick leave, earned overtime credit, or state compensatory time.

SECTION 2. Effective date: upon passage or September 1, 2009.