

BILL ANALYSIS

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H.B. 2816
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AUTHOR'S / SPONSOR'S STATEMENT OF INTENT

H.B. 2816 amends current law relating to compensation and leave for certain employees of the fraud unit of the Texas Department of Insurance.

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 Section 659.301(5), Government Code, to redefine "state employee" as certain individuals, including a commissioned law enforcement officer of the insurance fraud unit of the Texas Department of Insurance, and to make a nonsubstantive change to this subdivision.

SECTION 2. Amends Section 661.918(a), Government Code, to provide that this section (Injury Leave For Certain Peace Officers) applies to a peace officer under Article 2.12 (Who Are Peace Officers), Code of Criminal Procedure, who is commissioned as a law enforcement officer or agent, including a ranger, by certain entities, including the insurance fraud unit, and to make nonsubstantive changes to this subsection.

SECTION 3. Amends Section 701.104, Insurance Code, by adding Subsection (d), as follows:

(d) Requires the commissioner of insurance to ensure that a peace officer commissioned under Subsection (a) is compensated according to Schedule C of the position classification salary schedule prescribed by the General Appropriations Act.

SECTION 4. (a) Requires the classification officer in the office of the state auditor to classify the position of commissioned peace officer employed by the insurance fraud unit as a Schedule C position under the Texas Position Classification Plan.

(b) Provides that the change made by the classification officer as required by this section applies beginning with the state fiscal biennium beginning September 1, 2019.

(c) Provides that this section expires September 1, 2021.

SECTION 5. Makes application of Section 661.918(a), Government Code, as amended by this Act, prospective.

SECTION 6. Effective date: September 1, 2019.