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## Bill Analysis

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**Primary Sponsors:** Sens. Craig and Brenner

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### SUMMARY

- Establishes June 19, known as Juneteenth, as a legal holiday for which certain government employees receive paid leave and for which school districts may dismiss school.

### DETAILED ANALYSIS

#### Juneteenth as a paid legal holiday

The bill establishes June 19, known as Juneteenth, as a legal holiday for which certain government employees receive paid leave. Under continuing law, June 19 is designated as Juneteenth to acknowledge the freedom, history, and culture that June 19, 1865, the day on which the last slaves in the United States were set free in Texas, has come to symbolize.

A government employee receives the employee's regular rate of pay for, but is not required to work on, legal holidays for which the employee is entitled to receive paid leave. The bill applies to the following government employees:

- State employees who are paid directly by warrant of the Director of Budget and Management.
- Any full-time county employee whose regular hours are 40 hours per week or who renders any other standard of service accepted as full-time by an office, department, or agency of county service. The bill does not apply to county boards of developmental disabilities superintendents or management employees.
- Any township employee working on a salary or hourly basis.
- All regular nonteaching school employees that are employed on an 11- or 12-month basis and either salaried or compensated on an hourly per diem basis.

Under continuing law, the above described government employees receive paid leave for the following legal holidays: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, Washington-Lincoln

Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.<sup>1</sup>

## School dismissal

The bill allows boards of education to dismiss schools under their control on Juneteenth Day in addition to the list of holidays in current law for which school may be dismissed.<sup>2</sup>

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## HISTORY

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<sup>1</sup> R.C. 1.14, 5.2247, 124.01, not in the bill; R.C. 124.19, 325.19, 511.10, 1345.21, and 3319.087.

<sup>2</sup> R.C. 3313.63.