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1 AN ACT Relating to military leave for state employees; adding a new
2 section to chapter 38.40 RCW; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 38.40 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 (1) A state employee who is a member of the Washington national
7 guard, or of the army, navy, air force, coast guard, or marine corps
8 reserve of the United States or who has retired from the armed forces
9 and who is called to active duty in the armed forces of the United
10 States in support of Operation Desert Shield or Operation Desert Storm
11 is entitled to and shall be granted military leave of absence for the
12 period of such active duty. Such military leave is granted in addition
13 to any vacation or sick leave to which the employee might otherwise be
14 entitled and shall not involve any loss of efficiency rating or

1 privileges. During the period of such active duty the employee shall
2 continue to receive his or her regular compensation, less the amount of
3 the employee's base pay for military service.

4 (2) For purposes of this section, "state employee" means all full-
5 time and career seasonal employees of the state, whether or not covered
6 by civil service; elected and appointed officials of the executive
7 branch of government, including full-time members of boards,
8 commissions, or committees; justices of the supreme court and judges of
9 the court of appeals and the superior courts; and members of the state
10 legislature.

11 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** This act is necessary for the immediate
12 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, or support of the
13 state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take
14 effect immediately.