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- AN ACT Relating to specifying that space force reserve members who are officers or employees of the state of Washington or of any county, city, or other political subdivision have access to a period of paid military leave of absence from employment; and amending RCW 38.40.060.
- 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:
- 7 **Sec. 1.** RCW 38.40.060 and 2018 c 99 s 1 are each amended to read 8 as follows:
- 9 (1) Every officer and employee of the state or of any county, city, or other political subdivision thereof who is a member of the 10 11 Washington national guard or of the army, navy, air force, coast 12 guard, space force, or marine corps reserve of the United States, or 13 of any organized reserve or armed forces of the United States shall 14 be entitled to and shall be granted military leave of absence from 15 such employment for a period not exceeding twenty-one days during 16 each year beginning October 1st and ending the following September 17 30th in order that the person may report for required military duty, training, or drills including those in the national guard under Title 18 10 U.S.C., Title 32 U.S.C., or state active status. 19
- 20 (2) Such military leave of absence shall be in addition to any vacation or sick leave to which the officer or employee might

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otherwise be entitled, and shall not involve any loss of efficiency rating, privileges, or pay.

- (3) During the period of military leave, the officer or employee shall receive from the state, or the county, city, or other political subdivision, his or her normal pay.
- (4)(a) The officer or employee shall be charged military leave only for days that he or she is scheduled to work for the state or the county, city, or other political subdivision.
- (b) If the officer or employee is scheduled to work a shift that begins on one calendar day and ends on the next calendar day, the officer or employee shall be charged military leave for only the first calendar day. If the officer or employee is scheduled to work a shift that begins on one calendar day and ends later than the next calendar day, the officer or employee shall be charged military leave for each calendar day except the calendar day on which the shift ends.

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