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Sec. 661.915. LEAVE FOR YOUTH-RELATED VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES. Defines "youth-related volunteer activity." Authorizes the governor to authorize a state agency to grant a state employee a leave of absence without a deduction in salary to perform youth-related volunteer activities. Prohibits leave without a deduction in salary under this section from exceeding 52 hours in a fiscal year. Provides that leave for youth-related volunteer activities is in addition to vacation time and sick leave and is in addition to other leave taken under this chapter.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2001.

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