

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE

FOR

SENATE BILL NO. 1065

By: Stipe of the Senate

and

Mass of the House

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An Act relating to state government; defining term; allowing certain state employees to do volunteer work without the loss of pay or any other compensation with certain request and approval; limiting number of participants; requiring the Department of Civil Emergency Management to coordinate certain list; requiring the American Red Cross to prepare certain report; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 840.7e of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. As used in this section, "disaster" means disasters designated at level III and above in the American Red Cross Regulations and Procedures.

B. Any state employee in the executive branch of state government who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross, with the authorization of the chief executive officer of his state agency, may be granted a leave with pay not to exceed fifteen (15) working days in any twelve-month period to participate in specialized disaster relief services within the State of Oklahoma for the American Red Cross, upon the request of the American Red Cross and with the approval of the office of the Governor of this state, without the loss of pay, annual leave, sick leave, accrued overtime wages or compensatory time. The

agency shall compensate an employee granted leave time under this section at his regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent from work.

C. Notwithstanding the provision of subsection B of this section, state employees certified as disaster volunteers shall not exceed five hundred (500) participants at any one time. A list of such employees will be coordinated with the Department of Civil Emergency Management and the office of the Governor of this state. Within sixty (60) days of any request made by the American Red Cross, a report shall be prepared by the American Red Cross and submitted to the Governor's office stating the reasons and needs for any request made.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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