

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 48th Legislature (2001)

SENATE BILL 680

By: Leftwich

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state employees; creating the State Employee Advocacy Rights Act; providing short title; providing definition of employee organization; requiring agencies to allow certain meetings and communications between employees and employee organizations; providing restrictions; requiring agencies to provide certain information from employee organizations; allowing presentations by employee organizations; requiring the Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council to provide certain materials and allow attendance at certain meetings by employee organizations; providing for codification; providing an effective date; 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 842 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Sections 1 through 3 of this act shall be known as the "State Employee Advocacy Rights Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 843 of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

As used in the State Employee Advocacy Rights Act:

"Employee organization" means any organization which has payroll deduction privileges as defined in Section 7.10 of Title 62 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

SECTION 3. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 844 of Title 74 unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. State agencies shall allow employee organizations the following privileges:

1. Holding of meetings on state property in a location that does not disrupt the operations of agency business. Employees may attend such meetings as long as meetings are conducted before or after working hours, or during employee lunch periods;

2. Permitting communications between state employees and employee organization representatives via phone or email;

3. Allowing employee organizations to provide information to state agencies to be included in new employee packets; and

4. Allowing presentations by employee organizations at new employee orientation and training meetings.

B. The Oklahoma State Employees Benefits Council shall allow employee organizations to provide materials and attend insurance enrollment meetings to answer questions about the organization.

SECTION 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 2001.

SECTION 5. 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.

48-1-588

SJ

6/12/2015 11:18:04 AM