

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

1st Session of the 50th Legislature (2005)

SENATE BILL 489

By: Riley

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 840-2.25, which relates to the Oklahoma Personnel Act; allowing certain state employees to take leave with pay for purpose of attending state employee association meetings; limiting amount of such leave; requiring permission from appointing authority; defining term; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 840-2.25, is amended to read as follows:

Section 840-2.25 A. A permanent classified employee or a regular unclassified employee shall be entitled to take leave with pay for not to exceed three (3) days a year to attend meetings of job-related professional organizations of which the employee is a member, upon receiving permission from the appointing authority.

B. A permanent classified employee or a regular unclassified employee who is the president of a state employee association shall be entitled to take leave with pay for not to exceed twelve (12) days a year to attend meetings of the association, upon receiving permission from the appointing authority. A permanent classified employee or a regular unclassified employee who is a member of the governing board of a state employee association shall be entitled to take leave with pay for not to exceed six (6) days a year to attend meetings of the association, upon receiving permission from the appointing authority. As used in this subsection, a "state employee association" shall mean any statewide association limited to state

employee membership with a minimum membership of one thousand (1,000) dues-paying members.

C. The denial by an appointing authority of organizational leave shall be in writing and state the reasons for denying said leave.

~~B.~~ D. The leave authorized by this section shall not be used for lobbying activities which include the lobbying of legislative or executive branch elected officials within state-owned or leased buildings.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective January 1, 2006.

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