

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, March 24, 2010

ENGROSSED
Senate Bill No. 2260

ENGROSSED SENATE BILL NO. 2260 - By: RUSSELL, JOLLEY AND GARRISON of the Senate and WESSELHOFT of the House.

An Act relating to state government; amending 74 O.S. 2001, Section 840-2.24, which relates to specialized disaster relief services; authorizing leave time for participation in Civil Air Patrol disaster services; encouraging private employers to participate in volunteer disaster service programs; making language gender neutral; encouraging school districts to participate in volunteer disaster service programs; and providing an effective date.

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

1 SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 74 O.S. 2001, Section 840-2.24, is amended to
2 read as follows:
3 Section 840-2.24 A. 1. As used in this subsection, "disaster" means disasters
4 designated at level III and above in the American Red Cross Regulations and Procedures.
5 2. Any state employee in the executive branch of state government who is a
6 certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross or a member of the United
7 States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol, with the authorization of the chief executive
8 officer of ~~his~~ the state agency, may be granted a leave with pay not to exceed fifteen (15)
9 working days in any twelve-month period to participate in specialized disaster relief
10 services within the State of Oklahoma for the American Red Cross or the United States

1 Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol, upon the request of the American Red Cross or the
2 United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol and with the approval of the office of
3 the Governor of this state, without the loss of pay, annual leave, sick leave, accrued
4 overtime wages or compensatory time. The agency shall compensate an employee
5 granted leave time under this section at his or her regular rate of pay for those regular
6 work hours during which the employee is absent from work.

7 3. Notwithstanding the provision of paragraph 2 of this subsection, state employees
8 certified as disaster volunteers shall not exceed five hundred (500) participants at any
9 one time. A list of such employees will be coordinated with the Department of Civil
10 Emergency Management and the office of the Governor of this state. Within sixty (60)
11 days of any request made by the American Red Cross or the United States Air Force
12 Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol, a report shall be prepared by the American Red Cross or the
13 United States Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol and submitted to the Governor's office
14 stating the reasons and needs for any request made.

15 B. Any state officer or employee in the executive branch of state government
16 authorized by the employing agency of the officer or employee to volunteer in a disaster
17 relief activity during a presidentially declared national disaster in Oklahoma after May
18 1, 1999, for a period of not more than six (6) months after the date of the presidentially
19 declared national disaster, shall not have to use accrued leave or need to make up any
20 time due to the performance of their volunteer activities.

21 C. Private employers are encouraged to allow their employees to take leave in order
22 to participate in volunteer disaster service programs.

1 D. School administrators are encouraged to allow students, sixteen (16) years of
2 age or older to be out of school to participate in volunteer disaster service programs.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2010.

4 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
5 dated 03-23-10 - DO PASS.