

1 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES - FLOOR VERSION**

2 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

3 2nd Session of the 56th Legislature (2018)

4 HOUSE BILL 3041

By: Hardin of the House

5 and

6 Simpson of the Senate

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9 AS INTRODUCED

10 An Act relating to soldiers and sailors; authorizing
11 Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs employees be
12 granted leave for volunteer services; requiring
13 activities meet certain criteria; requiring leave be
14 brief and activities not violate certain laws;
15 directing Executive Director to establish guidelines
16 for approval of leave; providing for codification;
17 and providing an effective date.

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

19 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
20 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 63.22 of Title 72, unless there
21 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

22 A. Any employee of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs
23 may be granted administrative leave with pay for volunteer service
24 activities under such terms and limitations as the Executive
25 Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may

1 establish, in service to veterans or dependents of veterans in the
2 state of Oklahoma that meet one or more of the following criteria:

3 1. The activity is directly related to the Department's
4 mission;

5 2. The activity is sponsored or sanctioned by or in partnership
6 with the Department; or

7 3. The activity will enhance the development or skills of the
8 employee in his or her current position.

9 B. Leave shall be as brief as permitted under the circumstances
10 and shall not support an activity that would otherwise be prohibited
11 by law while in a duty status.

12 C. The Executive Director shall establish guidelines for
13 approval of administrative leave for volunteer service authorized
14 hereunder which balance the Department's goals and operations and
15 ensure that all are conducted efficiently and effectively.

16 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.
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18 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON VETERANS AND MILITARY AFFAIRS,
19 dated 02/06/2018 - DO PASS, As Coauthored.
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