

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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HOUSE BILL 3041

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AS INTRODUCED

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

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 63.22 of Title 72, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. Any employee of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may be granted administrative leave with pay for volunteer service activities under such terms and limitations as the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs may establish, in service to veterans or dependents of veterans in the state of Oklahoma that meet one or more of the following criteria:

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

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

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

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

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

12        SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2018.

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