HOUSE BILL No. 2480

By Representative S. Gatewood

AN ACT concerning certain public employees; relating to leave of absences; disaster service volunteers; amending K.S.A. 75-5548 and repealing the existing section.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. K.S.A. 75-5548 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-5548. An employee of a state agency who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American red cross, the United States air force auxiliary civil air patrol or the United States coast guard auxiliary may be granted leave from work with pay for not more than 20 working days in any twelve-month period to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the American red cross, upon the request of the American red cross, the employee’s wing commander, the wing commander’s representative or division commander, for the services of that employee and upon the approval of that employee’s state agency, without loss of seniority, pay, vacation leave, compensatory time, personal vacation days, sick leave or earned overtime accumulation. The state agency shall compensate an employee granted leave under this section at the employee’s regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent from work. An employee deemed to be on leave under this section shall not be deemed to be an employee of the state for purposes of workers compensation. An employee deemed to be on leave under this section shall not be deemed to be an employee of the state for purposes of the Kansas tort claims act. Leave under this act shall be granted only for services related to a disaster occurring within the state of Kansas and states contiguous to Kansas United States.

Sec. 2. K.S.A. 75-5548 is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the statute book.