

## HOUSE BILL No. 2480

By Representative S. Gatewood

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9 AN ACT concerning certain public employees; relating to leave of ab-  
10 sences; disaster service volunteers; amending K.S.A. 75-5548 and re-  
11 pealing the existing section.  
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13 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:*

14 Section 1. K.S.A. 75-5548 is hereby amended to read as follows: 75-  
15 5548. An employee of a state agency who is a certified disaster service  
16 volunteer of the American red cross, *the United States air force auxiliary*  
17 *civil air patrol or the United States coast guard auxiliary* may be granted  
18 leave from work with pay for not more than 20 working days in any twelve-  
19 month period to participate in specialized disaster relief services ~~for the~~  
20 ~~American red cross~~, upon the request of the American red cross, *the*  
21 *employee's wing commander, the wing commander's representative or*  
22 *division commander*, for the services of that employee and upon the ap-  
23 proval of that employee's state agency, without loss of seniority, pay, va-  
24 cation leave, compensatory time, personal vacation days, sick leave or  
25 earned overtime accumulation. The state agency shall compensate an em-  
26 ployee granted leave under this section at the employee's regular rate of  
27 pay for those regular work hours during which the employee is absent  
28 from work. An employee deemed to be on leave under this section shall  
29 not be deemed to be an employee of the state for purposes of workers  
30 compensation. An employee deemed to be on leave under this section  
31 shall not be deemed to be an employee of the state for purposes of the  
32 Kansas tort claims act. Leave under this act shall be granted only for  
33 services related to a disaster occurring within the ~~state of Kansas and~~  
34 ~~states contiguous to Kansas~~ *United States*.

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 K.S.A. 75-5548 is hereby repealed.

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