

Senate Bill No. 40-B

An act relating to the Florida Disaster Volunteer Leave Act; amending s. 110.120, F.S.; authorizing the Governor and Cabinet to approve leave under the act for services in response to a disaster occurring within the boundaries of the United States; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Section 110.120, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

110.120 Administrative leave for disaster service volunteers.—

(1) SHORT TITLE.—This section shall be known and may be cited as the “Florida Disaster Volunteer Leave Act.”

(2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this section, the following terms shall apply:

(a) “State agency” means any official, officer, commission, board, authority, council, committee, or department of the executive branch of state government.

(b) “Disaster” includes disasters designated at level II and above in the American National Red Cross regulations and procedures.

(3) LEAVE OF ABSENCE.—An employee of a state agency who is a certified disaster service volunteer of the American Red Cross may be granted a leave of absence with pay for not more than 15 working days in any 12-month period to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the American Red Cross. Such leave of absence may be granted upon the request of the American Red Cross and upon the approval of the employee’s employing agency. An employee granted leave under this section shall not be deemed to be an employee of the state for purposes of workers’ compensation. Leave under this act ~~may~~ shall be granted only for services related to a disaster occurring within the boundaries of the State of Florida, except that, with the approval of the Governor and Cabinet, leave may be granted for services in response to a disaster occurring within the boundaries of the United States.

Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.

Approved by the Governor November 30, 2001.

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