

1 AN ACT relating to tornado relief.

2 ***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 61.395 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Disaster" means disasters designated at level III and above in the American  
6 National Red Cross Regulations and Procedures; and

7 (b) "State agency" means all departments, offices, commissions, boards,  
8 institutions, and political and corporate bodies of the state, including the  
9 offices of the clerk of the Supreme Court, clerks of the appellate courts, the  
10 several courts of the state, and the legislature, its committees, or commissions.

11 (2) (a) An employee of a state agency who is a certified disaster services volunteer of  
12 the American Red Cross may be granted leave from work with pay for not to  
13 exceed thirty (30) work days in any twelve (12) month period to participate in  
14 specialized disaster relief services for the American Red Cross for the services  
15 of that employee and upon the approval of that employee's agency, without  
16 loss of seniority, pay, vacation time, sick time, compensatory time, or earned  
17 overtime accumulation.

18 (b) The agency shall compensate an employee granted leave under this section at  
19 the regular rate of pay for those regular work hours during which the  
20 employee is absent from work.

21 (3) This section may be cited as the Disaster Services Volunteer Leave Act.