



General Assembly

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Committee Bill No. 5549

LCO No. 2856

Referred to Committee on Labor and Public Employees

Introduced by:
(LAB)

***AN ACT CONCERNING LEAVE FOR STATE EMPLOYEES
RESPONDING TO EMERGENCY CALLS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 5-249 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2003*):

3 (a) Any state employee who is an active volunteer firefighter or
4 member of a volunteer ambulance service or company [may, with the
5 authorization of his appointing authority, be permitted to respond]
6 shall be entitled to receive full pay for time spent responding to fire
7 calls or ambulance calls during [his] such employee's regular hours of
8 employment without loss of [pay,] vacation time, sick leave or earned
9 overtime accumulation, provided the employee receives prior
10 authorization to respond to such calls from the employee's appointing
11 authority.

12 (b) Any state employee who is a certified disaster service volunteer
13 of the American Red Cross may, with the authorization of [his] such
14 employee's supervisor, be granted a leave not to exceed fourteen days
15 in each year to participate in specialized disaster relief services for the

16 American Red Cross, upon the request of the American Red Cross,
17 without loss of pay, vacation time, sick leave or earned overtime
18 accumulation.

19 (c) Any state employee who is an active volunteer firefighter or
20 member of a volunteer ambulance service or company may, with the
21 authorization of [his] such employee's appointing authority, be
22 allowed to attend training sessions or drills during [his] such
23 employee's regular hours of employment without loss of pay, overtime
24 accumulation or sick leave.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	October 1, 2003

Statement of Purpose:

To provide that state employees who respond to emergency calls during work hours are entitled to receive paid leave for absences from work that result from responding to such calls.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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