

AN ACT relating to state employee leave.

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

➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 61 IS CREATED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

- (1) As used in this section, "state agency" means all departments, offices, commissions, boards, institutions, and political and corporate bodies of the state, including the offices of the clerk of the Supreme Court, clerks of the appellate courts, the several courts of the state, and the legislature, its committees, or commissions.
- (2) An employee of a state agency who is a member of a volunteer fire department or ambulance service may be granted leave of not more than twelve (12) hours in a three (3) month period to use during those hours when the employee is absent from work in order to provide emergency medical or fire fighting service. The agency shall compensate the employee who uses leave granted under this section at the employee's regular rate of pay for those regular work hours up to four (4) hours per event during which the employee is absent from work.
- (3) The Personnel Cabinet shall prescribe and make available forms to report leave under this section, and may promulgate administrative regulations in accordance with KRS Chapter 13A that are necessary to implement this section.