

HB 619 -- Civil Air Patrol

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This bill specifies the situations in which the Civil Air Patrol may be activated and states that the patrol may be used to assist National Guard noncombatant missions or missions in support of civil authorities and state agencies which have established agreements with the patrol.

Activation requests must be made to the commanding officer of the Civil Air Patrol, Missouri Wing. Prior to its activation, the commanding officer or the Adjutant General must apply for federal mission status and funding. If a mission of the patrol is granted federal mission status and assigned an accompanying federal mission number, the operation will be paid for by the federal government and members of the patrol will be considered federal employees for the purpose of tort claims arising from the mission.

If an operation is not granted federal mission status, the state will pay for the mission using funds appropriated from the state agency which requested the participation of the patrol. In this case, members of the patrol will be considered state employees for the purpose of tort claims and workers' compensation claims.

These provisions apply to any Civil Air Patrol personnel and aircraft from any state that are flying missions for Missouri state agencies.