

HB 1795 -- Civil Air Patrol

Sponsor: Aull

This bill changes the laws regarding members of the Civil Air Patrol who participate in emergency services or counter narcotics missions. In its main provisions, the bill:

(1) Makes the provisions regarding a leave of absence from work applicable to all members of the patrol who work for an employer with 50 or more employees instead of being applicable to only state employees;

(2) Requires a member of the Missouri National Guard to be granted a leave of absence to participate in patrol emergency service duty or counter narcotics missions;

(3) Changes a leave of absence for services to be no more than 15 working days based on a calendar year instead of a fiscal year;

(4) Specifies that an employer has the right to request that an employee be exempted from responding to a specific mission and requires the Missouri Wing Commander to honor the request;

(5) Specifies that a private employer may, but is not obligated to, pay salaries during the period of leave; and

(6) Requires any employee of a private employer who is or may become a patrol member to be entitled to receive all other benefits and job protections provided to members who are state employees.