

APPENDIX E

SENATE BILL 1628

An Act relating to public health and safety; amending 63 O.S. 2001, Section 2220.1, which relates to the Oklahoma Organ Donor Education and Awareness Program Act; modifying name of the act; clarifying references to certain act; providing for granting of leave of absence to certain state employees; providing for noninterruption of base state pay during such leave; prohibiting penalizing of employee; stating requirement regarding authorization of leave; providing for codification; providing an effective date; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 63 O.S. 2001, Section 2220.1, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2220.1 This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Oklahoma Cheryl Selman Organ Donor Education and Awareness Program Act”. Any references in the statutes to the Oklahoma Organ Donor Education and Awareness Program Act shall be deemed references to the Cheryl Selman Organ Donor Education and Awareness Act.

There is hereby created the Organ Donor Education and Awareness Program (ODEAP), the purpose of which shall be to promote and encourage organ donor education and awareness in this state.

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 2220.11 of Title 63, unless there is created a duplication in number, reads as follows:

A. Any employee of this state, its departments or agencies shall be granted a leave of absence for the time specified for the following purposes:

1. Five (5) workdays to serve as a bone marrow donor if the employee provides the employer written verification that the employee is to serve as a bone marrow donor; and

2. Thirty (30) workdays to serve as a human organ donor if the employee provides the employer written verification that the employee is to serve as a human organ donor.

B. An employee who is granted a leave of absence pursuant to the provisions of this section shall receive the base state pay without interruption during the leave of absence. For purposes of determining seniority, pay or pay advancement, and performance awards, and for the receipt of any benefit that may be affected by a leave of absence, the service of the employee shall be considered uninterrupted by the leave of absence.

C. A state agency shall not penalize an employee for requesting or obtaining a leave of absence pursuant to the provisions of this section.

D. The leave authorized by this section may be requested by the employee only if the employee is the person who is serving as the donor.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 2002.

SECTION 4. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the Senate the 6th day of May, 2002.

Passed the House of Representatives the 24th day of April, 2002.