

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 84th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1154

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5 By: Representative Scroggin
6 By: Senator Baker

For An Act To Be Entitled

10 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH SERVICE CREDIT IN THE
11 ARKANSAS TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR UNUSED
12 SICK LEAVE; TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 24-7-601 TO
13 ELIMINATE THE RESTRICTIONS ON AWARDING CREDITED
14 SERVICE FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE; AND FOR OTHER
15 PURPOSES.

Subtitle

17 TO ESTABLISH SERVICE CREDIT IN THE
18 TEACHER RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR UNUSED
19 SICK LEAVE AND ELIMINATE THE
20 RESTRICTIONS IN CURRENT LAW ON AWARDING
21 CREDIT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE.

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25 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

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27 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 24, Chapter 7, Subchapter 6, is amended
28 to add an additional section to read as follows:

29 24-7-611. Unused sick leave.

30 (a) An active member who has more than twenty (20) years of credited
31 service in the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System shall receive credited
32 service in the system for unused sick days accumulated.

33 (b)(1) The member may receive up to one (1) year of service credit for
34 a maximum of one hundred twenty (120) days of unused sick leave.

35 (2) Under rules and regulations, the Board of Trustees shall
36 determine the number of days of service that are credited to each member for



1 each day of unused sick leave.

2 (3) A member shall not receive credited service for more than
3 one hundred twenty (120) days of unused sick leave, or more than one (1) year
4 of service credit for all the unused sick during the member's entire service
5 time in the system.

6 (c) A member shall not receive service credit under this section for
7 unused sick leave if the member also receives payment from the member's
8 employer for the unused sick leave.

9 (d) If there is a question concerning the service credit for unused
10 sick days, the board shall have the power to decide the question of service
11 credit.

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13 SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 24-7-601(c), concerning the limitation on
14 granting credited service for unused sick leave under the Arkansas Teacher
15 Retirement System, is amended to read as follows:

16 (c)~~(1)~~ Days of absence from service because of sickness shall be
17 considered as service if the days are paid sick leave.

18 ~~(2) Days of paid sick leave shall not be considered service if~~
19 ~~the payment is for unused sick leave.~~

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