

1 **State of Arkansas**
2 **79th General Assembly**
3 **Regular Session, 1993**
4 **By: Representatives Steele, Baker, Blair, Murphy, Hawkins, Molinaro, Curran, Stalnaker and**
5 **George**

A Bill

ACT III5 OF 1993
HOUSE BILL 1828

For An Act To Be Entitled

9 "AN ACT TO AMEND THE TEACHER_S MINIMUM SICK LEAVE LAW,
10 ARKANSAS CODE §§ 6-17-1202, ET SEQ., TO ALLOW TEACHERS TO
11 BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AS A RESULT OF PERSONAL INJURY FROM
12 AN ASSAULT OR OTHER VIOLENT CRIMINAL ACT COMMITTED AGAINST
13 THE TEACHER IN SCHOOL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES."

Subtitle

16 "AN ACT TO ALLOW TEACHERS TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL AS A
17 RESULT OF PERSONAL INJURY FROM AN ASSAULT OR OTHER VIOLENT
18 CRIME COMMITTED IN SCHOOL."

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

22 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 6-17-1202 is hereby amended to read as
23 follows:

24 "6-17-1202. Definitions. As used in this subchapter, unless the
25 context otherwise requires:

26 (1) Teacher includes any full-time employee of a local school
27 district who is compelled by law to secure a license from the State Board of
28 Education as a condition precedent to employment;

29 (2) Sick leave means absence with full pay from one's duties in a
30 public school for the reason of personal illness or illness in one's immediate
31 family, except for an absence due to personal injury resulting from either an
32 assault or other violent criminal act as provided in this subchapter;

33 (3) Immediate family includes the teacher's spouse, children,
34 parents, and any other relatives living in the same household;

35 (4) Accumulated sick leave means the total number of days of unused
36 sick leave that a teacher has to his credit."

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SECTION 2. Title 6, Chapter 17, Subchapter 12 of the Arkansas Code of 1987, Annotated, is hereby amended to add a new Section to read as follows:

"6-17-1209. Leave of absence for personal injury from assault or other violent criminal act.

(a) Whenever a school teacher is absent from his or her duties in a public school as a result of personal injury caused by either an assault or other violent criminal act committed against the school teacher in the course of his or her employment, the school teacher shall be granted a leave of absence from school with full pay for up to one (1) year from the date of the injury. The leave of absence for personal injury from an assault or other violent criminal act shall not be charged to the school teacher's sick leave authorized under this subchapter.

(b) The board of directors of each school district shall adopt written policies for the implementation of this section and incorporate it as part of the written personnel policies of the district."

SECTION 3. All provisions of this act of general and permanent nature are amendatory to the Arkansas Code of 1987 Annotated and the Arkansas Code Revision Commission shall incorporate the same in the Code.

SECTION 4. If any provisions of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provisions or application, and to this end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 5. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED: 04/13/93

