

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 85th General Assembly
3 Regular Session, 2005
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1279

5 By: Representative Chesterfield
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT
10 OF STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH; TO PROVIDE LEAVE FOR
11 STATE EMPLOYEES WHO MAKE SIGNIFICANT REDUCTIONS
12 IN BODY MASS; TO PROVIDE AREAS FOR WALKING
13 EXERCISE AT STATE AGENCY FACILITIES; AND FOR
14 OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

16 AN ACT TO PROVIDE INCENTIVES FOR THE
17 IMPROVEMENT OF STATE EMPLOYEE HEALTH.
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21 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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23 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 21, Chapter 4, Subchapter 2 is amended
24 to read as follows:

25 21-4-216. Leave of absence for weight loss.

26 (a) For purposes of this section:

27 (1) "State agency" means a department, agency, bureau, including
28 the Bureau of Legislative Research, board, or commission of any branch of
29 state government; and

30 (2) "State employee" means a full-time employee of the State of
31 Arkansas or any branch, department, agency, board, bureau, including the
32 Bureau of Legislative Research, or commission of state government.

33 (b) A state employee shall be granted leave of:

34 (1) Two (2) days for the loss of each two and one-half percent
35 (2.5%) of body mass or ten (10) pounds; or

36 (2) Four (4) days for the loss of each five percent (5%) of body



1 mass or twenty (20) pounds.

2 (c) The Department of Health shall design and make available on its
3 website a form that a state employee shall use to report to his or her state
4 agency employer:

5 (1) An initial body mass measure; and

6 (2) Changes in body mass.

7 (d) Each state agency shall identify and maintain in or near each
8 agency building an area or areas that state employees may use for walking
9 exercise.

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