

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 86th General Assembly
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 263

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5 By: Senator Horn
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For An Act To Be Entitled

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9 AN ACT TO AMEND ARKANSAS CODE § 21-4-211(6) TO
10 ALLOW THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
11 TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO DIVISION OF HEALTH
12 EMPLOYEES SEEKING A MASTER'S, DrPH, OR PhD DEGREE
13 IN PUBLIC HEALTH; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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21 PUBLIC HEALTH.
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24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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26 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 21-4-211 is amended to read as follows:
27 21-4-211. Educational leave.

28 A permanent employee who is given out-service training may be granted
29 educational leave by the agency director on the following basis:

30 (1) The employee will continue in the service of the agency for
31 a period of time as statutorily required or, in the absence of a specific
32 law, at least twice the length of his or her course of training;

33 (2)(A) Any employee who does not fulfill these obligations shall
34 be required to pay to the agency the total cost, or a proportionate share of
35 the cost, of the out-service training and compensation paid during the
36 training period.



1 (B) A written contract shall be signed by the employee and
2 the agency setting forth all terms of the agreement;

3 (3) The employee shall retain all rights in the position held at
4 the time when leave was granted or in a position with comparable security and
5 pay;

6 (4) The employee shall retain all benefits and rights during the
7 training period which accrued during that time to regular employees;

8 (5) The amount of salary paid during the training period will be
9 as agreed on by the employee and agency director but shall not exceed the
10 regular salary paid the employee; and

11 (6)(A) Payment of tuition, fees, books, and transportation may
12 be made if ~~such sums~~ moneys have been specifically appropriated by the
13 General Assembly for ~~such~~ those purposes or if the ~~Department of Health~~
14 Department of Health and Human Services provides assistance to employees of
15 the Division of Health of the Department of Health and Human Services who are
16 seeking a master's degree, DrPH degree, or PhD degree in public health.

17 (B) The department shall not provide ~~such~~ the assistance
18 authorized under subdivision (6)(A) of this section to more than ~~four~~ (4)
19 twelve (12) employees in any fiscal year.

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