

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1553

By: McIntyre of the House

and

Horner of the Senate

An Act relating to state employees; enacting the Oklahoma State Employees Retention Act; creating the State Employees Shared Leave Pool; providing for purpose, administration, and procedures relating to the Pool; creating the State Employees Shared Leave Pool Revolving Fund; providing procedures related to the Fund; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 840-2.23B of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

Sections 1 and 2 of this act shall be known and may be cited as the "Oklahoma State Employees Retention Act".

SECTION 2. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 840-2.23C of Title 74, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby created a State Employees Shared Leave Pool. The purpose of the State Employees Shared Leave Pool is to provide a statewide system enabling state employees to donate annual or sick leave that can be used by state employees qualified to receive leave in accordance with the leave sharing program of the state established by Section 840-2.23 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

B. The Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management shall administer the State Employees Shared Leave Pool and shall

have the authority to promulgate any rules necessary to implement this section.

C. The procedures for donating and receiving leave pursuant to this section shall be as similar to those applicable to the shared leave program of the state established by Section 840-2.23 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes as practicable. State employees who believe they qualify for assistance from the Oklahoma State Employees Shared Leave Pool shall apply for the assistance from the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management. The Administrator shall be responsible for determining who shall receive shared leave pursuant to this section.

D. There is hereby created a revolving fund in the State Treasury for the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management, to be designated the State Employees Shared Leave Pool Revolving Fund. The fund shall be a continuing fund, not subject to fiscal year limitations, and shall consist of all monies received from state agencies to be used for awarding qualified state employees shared leave pursuant to this section. All monies accruing to the credit of the fund are hereby appropriated and may be budgeted and expended by the Administrator of the Office of Personnel Management in accordance with this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall become effective November 1, 2003.

Passed the House of Representatives the 4th day of March, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the House of
Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2003.

Presiding Officer of the Senate