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AS AMENDED

By: Cannaday and Faught of the
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SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 70 O.S. 2011, Section 6-104, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-104. A. 1. The board of education of each school district in the state shall provide for sick leave for all teachers employed in the district and shall pay such teachers the full amount of their contract salaries during any absence from their regular school duties for a period of time and under such conditions as the board may determine, but not less than the minimum benefits hereafter specified. Payment for sick leave shall be made on the basis of the current salary rate then in effect for the teacher receiving the payment. The plan shall provide that a teacher may be

1 absent from his or her duties due to personal accidental injury,
2 illness or pregnancy, or accidental injury or illness in the
3 immediate family without the loss of salary for not to exceed ten
4 (10) days during each school year, except that said absence without
5 loss of salary for teachers employed on an eleven-month contract
6 shall not exceed eleven (11) days during each school year and for
7 those teachers employed on a twelve-month contract shall not exceed
8 twelve (12) days during each school year, if said contract is for
9 the work period, and not merely for pay purposes. The right to such
10 leave shall vest at the beginning of the school year. Each school
11 district shall provide for all teachers a minimum of three (3) days
12 for personal business leave, upon the request of the teacher.
13 Salary deductions for such leave shall not exceed the salary level
14 for substitute teachers. Provided further, that these terms for
15 personal business leave shall not negate any locally negotiated
16 leave policies which exceed the minimum benefits stated above. Each
17 school district may provide not more than five (5) days each year
18 for emergency leave. Each school district will determine the
19 purposes for which emergency leave can be used. Those days shall
20 not be chargeable to sick leave and will be noncumulative. Unused
21 sick leave shall be cumulative up to a total of sixty (60) days, and
22 cumulative sick leave shall be transferable to another school
23 district or to the Oklahoma School for the Blind or the Oklahoma
24 School for the Deaf where the teacher is employed the next

1 succeeding school year, provided that the number of days transferred
2 shall not exceed the maximum days permitted by the receiving
3 ~~district~~ school and that such transferred days shall be used first
4 in case of illness and, provided further, that if the receiving
5 ~~district~~ school pays teachers for unused sick leave upon retirement
6 or termination of contract, then said payments shall be for only
7 those days accumulated in the receiving ~~district~~ school. The school
8 board of the sending district shall certify the exact number of days
9 eligible for transfer.

10 2. If a teacher is employed at the Oklahoma School for the
11 Blind or the Oklahoma School for the Deaf after July 1, 2017, any
12 unused sick leave up to a total of sixty (60) days that is
13 accumulated at a school district prior to such date shall be
14 transferable.

15 B. The plan of each school district for sick leave benefits may
16 include other terms and conditions, but shall not provide less sick
17 leave benefits than those prescribed herein. Hospital and medical
18 proceeds may not be charged against sick leave benefits, but the
19 proceeds received by the teacher from any insurance provided by the
20 district for loss of compensable time may be charged against sick
21 leave benefits. Provided the board of education may provide all or
22 part of hospital and medical benefits, and sickness, accident,
23 health and life insurance or any of the aforesaid for any or all of
24 its employees. On authorization of the teacher, the district may

1 approve payroll deductions for such teacher's portion of the
2 aforesaid.

3 C. Each school district shall grant a teacher leave for jury
4 service or as a witness subpoenaed in a criminal, civil or juvenile
5 proceeding and shall pay the teacher during such service the full,
6 current contract salary. Provided that the district may deduct any
7 compensation received for serving as a juror or witness from the
8 teacher's salary during such service.

9 D. A school district shall also provide for benefits for
10 personnel other than teachers. Benefits for support personnel
11 employees shall include provisions for paid sick leave of at least
12 one (1) day per month of employment not to exceed the number of
13 hours per day for which they are regularly employed cumulative to a
14 total of sixty (60) days and cumulative sick leave shall be
15 transferable to another school district where the person is employed
16 the next succeeding school year; provided, that the number of days
17 transferred shall not exceed the maximum days permitted by the
18 receiving district and that such transferred days shall be used
19 first in case of illness up to a maximum of ten (10) transferred
20 days per school year unless the local board of education authorizes
21 the use of additional transferred days during the school year in an
22 amount set by the board and, provided further, that if the receiving
23 district pays such person for unused sick leave upon retirement or
24 termination of employment, then said payments shall be for only

1 those days accumulated in the receiving district. The school board
2 of the sending district shall certify the exact number of days
3 eligible for transfer. Each school district shall provide for all
4 support employees, a minimum of three (3) days for personal business
5 leave, upon the request of the support employee. Salary deductions
6 for personal business leave shall not exceed an amount necessary to
7 cover the costs of services provided to the district by the support
8 employee and shall not exceed the salary of the support employee.
9 The terms for personal business leave provided by this subsection
10 shall not negate any locally negotiated leave policies which exceed
11 the minimum benefits stated above. Payment for such leave shall be
12 calculated with regard to the definition of "support employee"
13 provided by Section 6-101.40 of this title. Provided that such
14 benefits shall not exceed those authorized for teachers hereunder.

15 ~~SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 2017.~~

16 ~~SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation~~
17 ~~of the public peace, health or safety, an emergency is hereby~~
18 ~~declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and~~
19 ~~be in full force from and after its passage and approval.~~

20 COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
21 March 29, 2017 - DO PASS AS AMENDED
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