

CS FOR SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 164(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, State Affairs

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE VEZEY

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act providing that employment as a legislator or with the National Education
2 Association is not credited service under the teachers' retirement system; and
3 relating to credit for unused sick leave for members of the teachers' retirement
4 system."

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * **Section 1.** AS 14.25.115(a) is amended to read:

7 (a) A teacher in membership service on or after July 1, 1977, **and before the**
8 **effective date of this Act,** who is appointed to retirement on or after July 1, 1978,
9 may elect to apply unused sick leave credit in computing the total number of years of
10 credited service under AS 14.25.110(d) except for sick leave earned while participating
11 in the optional university retirement program under AS 14.40.661 - 14.40.799. To
12 obtain service credit for unused sick leave, a teacher must apply to the administrator
13 no later than one year after appointment to retirement. Unused sick leave shall be
14 credited on a day-for-day basis in accordance with the table for service after July 1,

1 1969, contained in AS 14.25.220(43). Teacher contributions may not be required for
2 credited unused sick leave.

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.25.115 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (d) If there is a collective bargaining agreement entered into between the
5 bargaining organization representing the teacher and the teacher's employer that
6 includes a term that permits applying unused sick leave credit to the computation of
7 the total number of years of credited service, a teacher who first becomes a member
8 of this system on or after the effective date of this Act may elect, for sick leave earned
9 during the period covered by the collective bargaining agreement, to apply unused sick
10 leave credit in computing the total number of years of credited service. To the extent
11 that a teacher is entitled to credit for sick leave under this subsection, the credit shall
12 be applied in accordance with this section.

13 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.25.220(16) is amended to read:

14 (16) "employer" means a public school district, the Board of Regents
15 of the University of Alaska, the Department of Education, or [THE NATIONAL
16 EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA,] the Regional Resource Centers [, OR
17 THE STATE LEGISLATURE WITH RESPECT TO A STATE LEGISLATOR WHO
18 ELECTS MEMBERSHIP UNDER AS 14.25.040(b)];

19 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.25.040(b), 14.25.040(c), 14.25.045, 14.25.220(6)(B), 14.25.220(21)(D), and
20 14.25.220(40)(D) are repealed.

21 * **Sec. 5.** Sections 2 - 4 of this Act apply to persons who first become members of the
22 teachers' retirement system on or after the effective date of this Act.