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IN THE HOUSE

BY MESSRS. ERWIN AND PARSONS

HOUSE BILL NO. 446

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

A BILL

For an Act entitled: "An Act to provide for sabbatical leave  
for teachers in the Alaska school system,  
and providing for an effective date."

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

Section 1. BASIS OF LEAVE. A teacher who has rendered  
active service for seven or more consecutive years in a public  
school system in Alaska is entitled to sabbatical leave, subject  
to the restrictions of this Act. Sabbatical leave may be taken  
for education or travel only, and for not more than one school  
year. A teacher on sabbatical leave is entitled to one-half his  
base salary, to be paid in the usual manner.

Sec. 2. APPLICATION. A teacher wishing to take sabbatical  
leave shall apply, if employed in an organized school district,  
to the superintendent of schools, and if employed in a non-  
district school to the commissioner of education. The teacher  
shall submit information showing his qualifications for sabbatical  
leave and a plan for his education or travel during it.

Sec. 3. SELECTION OF TEACHERS. In the case of applications  
from teachers from organized school districts, the responsibility  
for selection rests upon the superintendent of schools and the  
local school board. In the case of applications from teachers  
in nondistrict schools, the commissioner of education and the  
state board of education shall jointly decide. The decisions  
shall be based upon such factors as the benefit which the school

1 will derive from the carrying out of the proposed plan of the  
2 teacher for education and travel, the field of study of the  
3 teacher, the contributions of the teacher to education in Alaska,  
4 and the seniority of the teacher.

5 Sec. 4. ALLOWABLE AMOUNT OF SABBATICAL LEAVE. The number  
6 of teachers entitled to sabbatical leave which may be allowed  
7 under this Act is determined in the following manner.

8 (1) not more than two per cent of all the teachers in  
9 nondistrict schools and other schools operated by the department  
10 may be on sabbatical leave in any year;

11 (2) organized school districts accrue percentage  
12 points for entitlement at the rate of .02 points per year for  
13 each teacher in the district. When the entitlement points for  
14 any school district exceed any integer, the district is entitled  
15 to give sabbatical leave to that number of teachers. Unused  
16 fractional percentage points carry over from year to year, and  
17 may be applied toward the next sabbatical leave authorization.

18 Sec. 5. RESPONSIBILITY OF TEACHER. Upon a teacher's return  
19 to his teaching position, the teacher shall make a report to  
20 the authority which approved his sabbatical leave, concerning the  
21 travel or education accomplished. A teacher who does not serve  
22 for at least a full year after his return shall refund to the  
23 department money paid to him under this Act, unless his failure  
24 to serve a full year after return is attributable to sickness,  
25 injury, or death.

26 Sec. 6. TENURE AND RETIREMENT. Unless it is otherwise  
27 agreed, the teacher shall return to the position which he occupied  
28 before he left. The sabbatical leave is not a break in service,  
29 and except as provided in this Act the teacher is regarded as

1 being in full service. Payments into the retirement fund shall  
2 be made on the basis of full salary.

3       Sec. 7. MILITARY SERVICE AND PREVIOUS LEAVES OF ABSENCE.  
4 For the purpose of determining eligibility for sabbatical leave  
5 tours of military service and leaves of absence granted before  
6 the effective date of this Act are not considered breaks in  
7 sequence of service, nor are they considered years of active  
8 service.

9       Sec. 8. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this Act:

10           (1) "teacher" means any certificated member of the  
11 teaching, supervisory, or administrative corps in the public  
12 schools of Alaska.

13           (2) "department" means Department of Education.

14           (3) masculine pronouns include the feminine.

15       Sec. 9. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Act takes effect on July  
16 1, 1963.

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