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HOUSE BILL NO. 446

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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

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

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

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

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

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1 will derive from the carrying out of the proposed plan of the
2 teacher for educational purposes, 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 points
12 for entitlement at the rate of .02 points per year for each
13 teacher in the district. When the entitlement points for any
14 school district exceed any integer, the district is entitled to
15 give sabbatical leave to that number of teachers. Unused fractional
16 percentage points carry over from year to year, and may be applied
17 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 the
20 authority which approved his sabbatical leave, concerning his
21 educational accomplishments. A teacher who does not serve for at
22 least a full year after his return shall refund to the department
23 money paid to him under this Act, unless his failure to serve a
24 full year after return is attributable to sickness, injury, or
25 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 1,
16 1963.

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