

CHAPTER 104

AN ACT

Relating to the employment conditions for teachers; and providing for an effective date.

(F.C.C.S.C.S.H.B. 91)

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Alaska:

Section 1. AS 14.20.160 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.20.160. **Exclusions.** (a) A teacher or administrator who has not completed employment for at least two consecutive school years in a school district or who does not hold a standard certificate is excluded from any rights under secs. 130 - 210 of this chapter. Tenure rights under secs. 130 - 210 of this chapter are lost upon transfer from one public school district to another and upon termination of employment in a public school district.

(b) For the purposes of this section, public school district includes incorporated, independent, city and borough school districts, and the state operated school system.

Sec. 2. AS 14.20.280 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.20.280 **Basis of Leave.** A teacher who has rendered active service for seven or more years in a public school system in the state is entitled to sabbatical leave, subject to the restrictions of secs. 280 - 350 of this chapter. Sabbatical leave may be taken for educational purposes only, and for not more than one school year.

Sec. 3. AS 14.20.310 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

Sec. 14.20.310. **Amount of Sabbatical Leave and Compensation.** (a) The number of teachers entitled to sabbatical leave which may be allowed under secs. 280 - 350 of this chapter is as follows:

(1) not more than eight teachers from both organized district and nondistrict schools may be on state-supported sabbatical leave in any year;

(2) any number of teachers may be on sabbatical leave at school district expense.

(b) A teacher on state-supported sabbatical leave is entitled to one-half his base salary to be paid by the department.

(c) A teacher on sabbatical leave at district expense is entitled to an amount of salary to be determined by the local board.

Sec. 4. AS 14.20.320 is amended to read:

Sec. 14.20.320 **Responsibility of Teacher.** Upon a teacher's return to his teaching position, the teacher shall make a report to the authority which approved his sabbatical leave concerning his educational accomplishments. A teacher who does not serve for at least a full year after his return shall refund to the district, if the sabbatical leave was at district expense, or to the department, if the sabbatical leave was state-supported, money paid to him under sec. 310 of this chapter unless his failure to serve a full year after return is attributable to sickness, injury, or death.

Sec. 5. AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.20.345. **Leave of Absence Without Pay.** (a) A teacher may be granted a leave of absence without pay for the purposes which may be approved by the local school board if the teacher is employed in an organized district, or by the department if the teacher is employed in a nondistrict school, if

(1) his application is approved by his local board if employed in an organized district, or by the department if employed in a nondistrict school; and

(2) he agrees to return to employment in a public school not later than the beginning of the school year following termination of the period for which the leave of absence was granted.

(b) A teacher on an approved leave of absence without pay does not lose rights under secs. 130 - 210 of this chapter.

(c) The leave of absence is not a break in service for retirement purposes.

Sec. 6. This Act takes effect on the day after its passage and approval or on the day it becomes law without such approval.

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