

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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SENATE BILL 914\*

Short Title: Teachers Convert Personal Leave to Sick Leave. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Nesbitt; Jones and Tillman.

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Referred to: Education/Public Instruction.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO GIVE TEACHERS CREDIT FOR THE EXCESS PERSONAL LEAVE  
3 TIME THAT THEY EARN AND TO ENSURE THAT TEACHERS CAN TAKE  
4 PERSONAL LEAVE WITH FIVE DAYS' NOTICE.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 115C-302.1(d) reads as rewritten:

7 "(d) Personal Leave. – Teachers earn personal leave at the rate of .20 days for  
8 each full month of employment not to exceed two days per year. Personal leave may be  
9 accumulated ~~to a maximum of five days, without any applicable maximum until June 30~~  
10 of each year. A teacher may carry forward to July 1 a maximum of five days of personal  
11 leave; the remainder of the teacher's personal leave shall be converted to sick leave on  
12 June 30. At the time of retirement, a teacher may also convert accumulated personal  
13 leave to sick leave for creditable service towards retirement.

14 Personal leave may be used only upon the authorization of the teacher's immediate  
15 ~~supervisor, but supervisor.~~ A teacher shall not take personal leave on the first day the  
16 teacher is required to report for the school year, on a required teacher workday, on days  
17 scheduled for State testing, or on the day before or the day after a holiday or scheduled  
18 vacation day, unless the request is approved by the principal. On all other days, if the  
19 request is made at least five days in advance, the request shall be automatically granted  
20 subject to the availability of a substitute teacher, and the teacher cannot be required to  
21 provide a reason for the request. ~~Unless approved by the principal, a teacher shall not~~  
22 take personal leave on the first day the teacher is required to report for the school year,  
23 on required teacher workdays, or on the day before or the day after holidays or  
24 scheduled vacation days. Teachers may transfer personal leave days between local  
25 school administrative units. The local school administrative unit shall credit a teacher  
26 who has separated from service and is reemployed within 60 months from the date of  
27 separation with all personal leave accumulated at the time of separation. Local school  
28 administrative units shall not advance personal leave. Teachers using personal leave  
29 receive full salary less the required substitute deduction."

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**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.