

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6192

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections, January 24, 2018

Title: An act relating to computing the rate of vacation leave accrual for employees formerly employed by a school district.

Brief Description: Computing the rate of vacation leave accrual for employees formerly employed by a school district.

Sponsors: Senators Hunt and Kuderer.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections: 1/24/18, 1/24/18 [DP].

Brief Summary of Bill

- Allows former school district employees who move to state employment to be credited for years of service for purposes of computing vacation leave accrual rates.
- Applies qualifying employment with a school district to leave accrual rates effective July 1, 2018.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON STATE GOVERNMENT, TRIBAL RELATIONS & ELECTIONS

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Hunt, Chair; Kuderer, Vice Chair; Miloscia, Ranking Member; Saldaña and Zeiger.

Staff: Melissa Van Gorkom (786-7491)

Background: Generally, state employees earn no less than eight hours paid vacation day for each month of employment. Employees may use leave at any time if they have an adequate leave balance. The amount of vacation leave a state employee earns increases depending on the number of years the employee is continuously employed. There is a maximum accrual

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rate of 16 hours, 40 minutes per month—25 days per year—reached after the twenty-fifth year of total state employment.

Summary of Bill: Former certificated or classified employees of a school district who move to state employment shall be credited with years of service for purposes of determining vacation leave accrual rates. Each contract year or equivalent of full-time employment with a school district shall be credited as one year of qualifying service.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: The bill was brought forward by a teacher that went to work for the state and was trying to consolidate. The bill would help some folks who transfer from one system to the other.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Sam Hunt, Prime Sponsor.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.