

the full retirement allowance which would have been payable to the retired member if such option had not been elected.

Effective date.

Section 2. This act shall take effect September 1, 1957.

APPROVED—The 18th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 442

AN ACT

Amending the act of July 18, 1917 (P. L. 1043), entitled "An act establishing a public school employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing employes, defining the uses and purposes thereof and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon boards having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," permitting employes to make an additional contribution to purchase credit for periods of approved leaves of absence and regulating the same.

Public school employes' retirement system.

Section 8, act of July 18, 1917, P. L. 1043, amended by adding a new subsection 6.3.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Section 1. Section 8 of the act of July 18, 1917 (P. L. 1043), entitled "An act establishing a public school employes' retirement system, and creating a retirement board for the administration thereof; establishing certain funds from contributions by the Commonwealth and contributing employes, defining the uses and purposes thereof and the manner of payments therefrom, and providing for the guaranty by the Commonwealth of certain of said funds; imposing powers and duties upon boards having the employment of public school employes; exempting annuities, allowances, returns, benefits, and rights from taxation and judicial process; and providing penalties," is amended by adding, after subsection 6.2, a new subsection to read:

Section 8.

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6.3. *Any employe who desires to receive credit for a leave of absence approved by the board of school directors for professional study and growth and during which leave no contributions were made to the retirement fund on their behalf, may pay, in addition to the regular contribution required under clause six of this*

section into the fund created by this act, a sum equal to all back payments which said employe would have been required to make for such period and in addition a sum equal to all contributions which would have been made on his behalf by the school district and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania if the employe had been in full-time regular daily attendance rather than on leave of absence. Payment of such back payments shall entitle the contributor to all rights and benefits which would have accrued had regular payments been made into the fund while he was on leave of absence. Such back payments may be made in a lump sum by installments or by an increased rate of contributions agreed upon between the contributor and the retirement board: Provided, however, That all such payments must be made on or before the first day of July, one thousand nine hundred fifty-nine.

APPROVED—The 18th day of July, A. D. 1957.

GEORGE M. LEADER

No. 443

AN ACT

Amending the act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), entitled "An act relating to the public school system, including certain provisions applicable as well to private and parochial schools; amending, revising, consolidating and changing the laws relating thereto," by providing for the payment of salaries of professional and temporary professional employes in cases of sickness or accidental injury.

The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby enacts as follows:

Public School
Code of 1949.

Section 1. Clause (a) of section one thousand one hundred fifty-four, act of March ten, one thousand nine hundred forty-nine (Pamphlet Laws 30), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," as last amended August nine, one thousand nine hundred fifty-five (Pamphlet Laws 309), is amended to read:

Clause (a), section 1154, act of March 10, 1949, P. L. 30, last amended August 9, 1955, P. L. 309, further amended.

Section 1154. Payment of Salaries in Cases of Sickness, Injury or Death.—

(a) In any school year whenever a professional or temporary professional employe is prevented by illness or accidental injury from following his or her occupation, the school district shall pay to said employe for each day of absence the full salary to which the employe may be entitled as if said employe were actually engaged in the performance of duty for a period of [five] ten days. Such leave shall be cumulative from year to year,