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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE BILL NO. 13

BY COMMERCE AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE EMPLOYEE PERSONNEL SYSTEM; AMENDING SECTION 67-5302, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE DEFINITIONS AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5303, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR A DEPARTMENT DI-RECTOR AND AN APPOINTING AUTHORITY AND TO REMOVE SURPLUS VERBIAGE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5309, IDAHO CODE, TO REVISE PROVISIONS REGARDING RULES OF THE DIVISION AND TO MAKE TECH-NICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5311, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE THE TERM "CLASSIFIED"; AMENDING SECTION 67-5312, IDAHO CODE, TO CLARIFY LANGUAGE; AMENDING SECTION 67-5328, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PRO-VISIONS REGARDING COMPENSATORY TIME AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 67-5333, IDAHO CODE, TO PROVIDE FOR BENEFITED CREDITED STATE SERVICE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE FORFEITURE OF CERTAIN UNUSED SICK TIME AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; REPEALING SECTION 67-5333B, IDAHO CODE, RELATING TO SICK LEAVE TRANSFERRED, FORMER EMPLOYEES OF SELLAND COLLEGE OF APPLIED TECHNOLOGY AT BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY, AND STATE EMPLOYMENT; AMENDING SECTION 67-5340, IDAHO CODE, TO CLARIFY TER-MINOLOGY AND TO PROVIDE A CORRECT CODE REFERENCE AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS; AMENDING SECTION 59-1607, IDAHO CODE, TO REMOVE OBSOLETE PROVISIONS REGARDING COMPENSATORY TIME AND TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORREC-TIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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

SECTION 1. That Section 67-5302, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-5302. DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter, and other applicable sections of the Idaho Code, each of the terms defined in this section shall have the meaning given in this section unless a different meaning is clearly required by the context. Such terms and their definitions are:
- (1) "Administrative employee" means any person, nonclassified or classified, appointed to a position that meets the criteria set forth in the federal fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq. Final designation of a classified position as "administrative" within this definition shall be made by the administrator of the division of human resources. Exceptions to this designation that do not violate the federal fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., may be made by the administrator.
- (2) "Administrator" means the administrator of the division of human resources in the governor's office.
- (3) "Appointing authority" means the officer, board, commission, person or group of persons authorized by statute or lawfully delegated authority to make appointments to or employ personnel in any department.
- (4) "Class" means a group of positions sufficiently similar as to the duties performed, degree of supervision exercised or required, minimum re-

quirements of training, experience or skill, and other characteristics that the same title, the same tests of fitness and the same schedule of compensation may be applied to each position in the group.

- (5) "Classified officer" or "classified employee" means any person appointed to or holding a position in any department of the state of Idaho, which position is subject to the provisions of the merit examination, selection, retention, promotion and dismissal requirements of section 67-5309, Idaho Code.
 - (6) "Commission" means the Idaho personnel commission.

- (7) "Compensatory time" means approved time off from duty provided in compensation for overtime hours worked.
- (8) "Computer worker" means any person, nonclassified or classified, appointed to a position that meets the criteria set forth in the federal fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq. Final designation of a classified position as "computer worker" within this definition shall be made by the administrator of the division of human resources. Exceptions to this designation that do not violate the federal fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., may be made by the administrator.
- (9) "Department" means any department, agency, institution or office of the state of Idaho.
 - (10) "Disabled veteran" is as defined in section 65-502, Idaho Code.
- (11) "Eligible" means a person who has been determined to be qualified for a classified position and whose name has been placed on the register of eligibles.
 - (12) (a) "Executive employee" means any person, nonclassified or classified, appointed to a position equivalent to a bureau chief or above as provided in section 67-2402, Idaho Code, or any employee meeting the following criteria:
 - (a) An individual whose primary duty is management of a department, division or bureau; and:
 - $\frac{\text{(b)}}{\text{(i)}}$ Who customarily and regularly directs the work of at least two (2) or more other employees therein; and
 - (c) (ii) Who has the authority to hire and fire, or to recommend hiring and firing; or whose recommendation on these and other actions affecting employees is given particular weight; and
 - (d) (iii) Who customarily and regularly exercises discretionary powers; and.
 - (e) Who is classified to a position allocated to the pay grade equivalent to two hundred sixty (260) points or higher pursuant to the rating system established by rule.
 - $\frac{\text{(f)}}{\text{(b)}}$ Final designation of a classified position as "executive" in this definition shall be made by the administrator. Exceptions to this designation that do not violate the federal fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., may be made by the administrator.
- (13) "Exempt employee" means any employee, classified or nonclassified, who is determined to be an executive, professional or administrative employee as defined herein, or who qualifies for any other exemption from cash compensation for overtime under applicable federal law. Final designation of a classified position as exempt shall be made by the administrator.

(14) "Full-time employee" means any employee working a forty (40) hour workweek.

- (15) (a) The term "holiday" shall mean "Holiday" means any day so designated by the president of the United States or the governor of this state for a public fast, thanksgiving or holiday. "Holidays" are enumerated in section 73-108, Idaho Code.
- (b) In the event that a holiday occurs on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a holiday, and if the holiday falls on a Sunday, the following Monday shall be a holiday.
- (c) A holiday is a day of exemption from work granted to nonexecutive employees during which said employees shall be compensated as if they actually worked. Employees classified as executive exempt are entitled to eleven (11) paid holidays per year. If such an employee works on one (1) of the official holidays listed in this subsection, then such employee may take an alternative day off but shall not receive additional compensation.
- (16) "Hours worked" means those hours actually spent in the performance of the employee's job on any day including holidays and shall not include vacation or sick leave or other approved leave of absence.
- (17) "Nonclassified employee" means any person appointed to or holding a position in any department of the state of Idaho, which position is exempted from the merit provisions of section 67-5309(e), (f), (g), (j), (m), (o), (p), (w), and (x), Idaho Code.
- (18) "Normal workweek" means any forty (40) hours worked during a particular one hundred sixty-eight (168) hour period as previously established by the employee's appointing authority.
- (19) "Open competitive examination" means an examination that may be taken by qualified applicants to compete on an equal basis for listing on the register of eligibles for a classified position.
- (20) "Overtime work" means time worked on holidays and time worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a period of one hundred sixty-eight (168) consecutive hours, except that in the case of those employees engaged in law enforcement, correctional, and fire protection activities characterized by irregular shift work schedules, time worked in excess of one hundred sixty (160) hours in a period of twenty-eight (28) consecutive days shall constitute overtime work within the meaning of this chapter. Such employees may also be paid overtime for specific hours worked in addition to their normal schedules upon emergency declaration by the governor or with the approval of the appointing authority and the board of examiners.
- (21) "Participating department" means any department of the state of Idaho in the executive department reporting to the governor or a board or commission appointed by the governor.
- (22) "Part-time employee" means any employee whose usually scheduled work is fewer than forty (40) hours in a period of one hundred sixty-eight (168) consecutive hours, and who shall not be entitled to sick leave accruals provided in section 67-5333, Idaho Code, vacation leave provided in section 67-5334, Idaho Code, nor or holiday pay as defined in subsection (15) of this section, unless contributions are being made to the public employee retirement system in accordance with chapter 13, title 59, Idaho Code, and rules promulgated by the public employee retirement system board.

- (23) "Personnel system" means the procedure for administering employees in accordance with this chapter.
- (24) "Political office" means a public office for which partisan politics is a basis for nomination, election or appointment.
- (25) "Political organization" means a party that sponsors candidates for election to political office.
- (26) "Position" means a group of duties and responsibilities legally assigned or delegated by one (1) or more appointing authorities and requiring the employment of one (1) person.
- (27) "Professional employee" means any person, nonclassified or classified, appointed to a position that meets the criteria set forth in the federal fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq. Final designation of a classified position as "professional" within this definition shall be made by the administrator. Exceptions to this designation that do not violate the federal fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. 201 et seq., may be made by the administrator.
- (28) "Public education entity" means community colleges, public school districts, public charter schools and the Idaho digital learning academy.
- (29) "Qualifying examination" means an examination or evaluation given to a selected person to determine eligibility for reclassification or appointment to a position in a classification.
- (30) "Register" means a list of names of persons who have been determined to be eligible for employment in a classified position as determined on the basis of examination and merit factors as established by the administrator.
- (31) "Seasonal appointment" means an appointment to a position that is permanent in nature but that has intermittent work periods throughout the year.
- (32) "Service rating" means a recorded evaluation of work performance and promotional potential of an employee by his supervisor.
- (33) "State educational agency" means the following state agencies and educational institutions under the governance of the Idaho state board of education:
 - (a) Boise state university;
 - (b) Idaho state university;
 - (c) University of Idaho;

- (d) Lewis-Clark state college;
- (e) Idaho public television;
- (f) The division of vocational rehabilitation;
- (g) The division of career technical education;
- (h) The office of the state board of education;
- (i) The state department of education; and
- (j) The public charter school commission.
- (34) "Temporary appointment" means appointment to a position that is not permanent in nature and in which employment will not exceed one thousand three hundred eighty-five (1,385) hours during any twelve (12) month period. No person holding a temporary appointment may work in excess of one thousand three hundred eighty-five (1,385) hours during a twelve (12) month period of time for any one (1) department, except, upon petition by the appointing authority of the department of lands that demonstrates good cause, the ad-

ministrator of the division of human resources may extend the one thousand three hundred eighty-five (1,385) hour limit for employees of the department who are required to perform fire suppression activities.

- (35) "Vacation leave" means a period of exemption from work granted to employees during which time said employees shall be compensated. The term shall not include compensatory time for overtime work.
 - (36) "Veteran" is as defined in section 65-203, Idaho Code.

 SECTION 2. That Section 67-5303, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-5303. APPLICATION TO STATE EMPLOYEES. All departments of the state of Idaho and all employees in such departments, except those employees specifically defined as nonclassified, shall be classified employees who are subject to this chapter and to the system of personnel administration it prescribes. All nonclassified employees are subject to conformity with classified positions as set forth in section 59-1603, Idaho Code. Nonclassified employees shall be:
- (a) Members of the state legislature and all other officers of the state of Idaho elected by popular vote and persons appointed to fill vacancies in elective offices and employees of the state legislature.
- (b) Members of statutory boards and commissions and heads of departments appointed by and serving at the pleasure of the governor, deputy directors appointed by the director of a department, and members of advisory boards and councils appointed by the departments.
- (c) All employees and officers in the office, and at the residence, of the governor; and all employees and officers in the offices of the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, attorney general, state treasurer, state controller, and state superintendent of public instruction who are appointed on and after the effective date of this chapter.
- (d) Except as otherwise provided by law, not more than one (1) declared position for each board or commission and/or head designated by the appointing authority of a participating department, in addition to those declared to be nonclassified by other provisions of law.
- (e) Part-time professional consultants who are paid on a fee basis for any form of legal, medical or other professional service and who are not engaged in the performance of administrative duties for the state.
 - (f) Judges, temporary referees, receivers and jurors.
- (g) All employees of the Idaho supreme court, Idaho court of appeals and district courts.
 - (h) All employees of the Idaho state bar.
- (i) Assistant attorneys general attached to the office of the attorney general.
- (j) Officers, members of the teaching staffs of state higher educational institutions, the professional staffs of the office of the state board of education and the Idaho department of education administered by the board of regents and the board of education, all professional staff of the public charter school commission, and the professional staffs of the Idaho division of career technical education and vocational rehabilitation administered by the state board for career technical education. "Teaching staff" includes teachers, coaches, resident directors, librarians and

those principally engaged in academic research. The word "officer" means presidents, vice presidents, deans, directors, or employees in positions designated by the state board who receive an annual salary of not less than step "A" of the pay grade equivalent to three hundred fifty-five (355) Hay points in the state compensation schedule. In consultation with the Idaho division of human resources, the state board of education shall implement policies and procedures for nonclassified employees to conform with section 59-1603, Idaho Code. onetime

- (k) Employees of the military division.
- (1) Patients, inmates or students employed in a state institution.
- (m) Temporary employees.

- (n) All employees and officers of the following named commodity commissions, and all employees and officers of any commodity commission created hereafter: the Idaho potato commission, as provided in chapter 12, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho honey commission, as provided in chapter 28, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho bean commission, as provided in chapter 29, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho hop grower's commission, as provided in chapter 31, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho wheat commission, as provided in chapter 33, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho pea and lentil commission, as provided in chapter 35, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho apple commission, as provided in chapter 36, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho cherry commission, as provided in chapter 37, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho mint commission, as provided in chapter 38, title 22, Idaho Code; the Idaho sheep and goat health board, as provided in chapter 1, title 25, Idaho Code; the state brand inspector, and all district supervisors, as provided in chapter 11, title 25, Idaho Code; the Idaho beef council, as provided in chapter 29, title 25, Idaho Code; and the Idaho dairy products commission, as provided in chapter 31, title 25, Idaho Code.
- (o) All inspectors of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection service of the Idaho department of agriculture, except those positions involved in the management of the program.
- (p) All employees of correctional industries within the department of correction.
- (q) All deputy administrators and wardens employed by the department of correction. Deputy administrators are defined as only the deputy administrators working directly for the nonclassified division administrators under the director of the department of correction.
- (r) All public information positions, with the exception of secretarial positions, in any department.
 - (s) Any division administrator.
- (t) Any regional administrator or division administrator in the department of environmental quality.
- (u) All employees of the division of financial management, all employees of the STEM action center, all employees of the office of species conservation, all employees of the office of drug policy, and all employees of the office of energy and mineral resources.
 - (v) All employees of the Idaho food quality assurance institute.
- (w) The state appellate public defender, deputy state appellate public defenders and all other employees of the office of the state appellate public defender.

(x) All quality assurance specialists or medical investigators of the Idaho board of medicine.

- (y) All pest survey and detection employees and their supervisors hired specifically to carry out activities under the Idaho plant pest act, chapter 20, title 22, Idaho Code, including but not limited to pest survey, detection, and eradication, except those positions involved in the management of the program.
- (z) All medical directors employed by the department of health and welfare who are engaged in the practice of medicine, as defined by section 54-1803, Idaho Code, at a state hospital or other treatment facility managed and operated by the department of health and welfare.
- SECTION 3. That Section 67-5309, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 67-5309. RULES OF THE DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES AND THE PERSONNEL COMMISSION. The administrator of the division of human resources shall have the power and authority to adopt, amend, or rescind such rules as may be necessary for proper administration of this chapter. Such rules may include:
- (a) A rule requiring the administrator, after consulting with each department, to develop, adopt, and make effective a job classification system for positions covered by this chapter, based upon on an analysis of the duties and responsibilities of the positions. The job classification shall include an appropriate title for each class and a description of duties and responsibilities of positions in the classes and the requirements of minimum training, experience and other qualifications suitable for the performance of duties of the position.
- (b) A rule describing the relevant labor markets and benchmark job classifications used in the administrator's salary surveys.
- (c) A rule requiring that all classes of positions $\frac{\text{which}}{\text{that}}$ are common to the departments concerned shall have the same titles, minimum requirements and compensation ranges.
- (d) A rule providing for review by the administrator of the personnel system, including classifications and compensation policies and procedures of state classified and nonclassified employees.
- (e) A rule that, notwithstanding the procedure for examination and ranking of eligible applicants on a register provided in subsection (f) of this section, an agency may appoint an individual directly into an entrance or promotional probation if the division of vocational rehabilitation, Idaho commission for the blind and visually impaired or the industrial commission certifies, with the concurrence of division of human resources staff, that the individual: (1) has a disability or handicap as defined under state or federal law; (2) is qualified to perform the essential functions of a particular classified position with or without reasonable accommodation; and (3) lacks competitiveness in the examination process due to the disability or handicap. The probationary period as provided in subsection (j) of this section shall be the sole examination for such individuals offers an alternative application process for persons with disabilities.
- (f) A rule requiring fair and impartial selection of appointees to all positions, other than those defined as nonclassified in this chapter, on the basis of open competitive merit examinations or evaluations. An applica-

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tion for an examination will be accepted after the closing date of the examination from a person who was serving in the armed forces or undergoing service-connected hospitalization up to one (1) year following discharge. The application must be submitted within one hundred twenty (120) days of separation from the armed forces or hospitalization and prior to the expiration of the register established as a result of the examination. A disabled veteran may file an application at any time up until a selection has been made for any position for which the division maintains a register as a source for future job openings or for which a register is about to be established, provided he or she has not already been examined twice for the same position and grade for which application is made, does not have current eligibility on that register, or is not serving in a competitive position in the same grade for which application is made. Examinations may be assembled or unassembled and may include various examining techniques such as rating of training and experience, written tests, oral interviews, recognition of professional licensing, performance tests, investigations and any other measure of ability to perform the duties of the position. Examinations shall be scored objectively. Five (5) points shall be added to the earned rating of any veteran as defined in section 65-203, Idaho Code, and the widow or widower of any veteran as defined in section 65-203, Idaho Code, as long as he or she remains unmarried. Pursuant to section 65-504, Idaho Code, ten (10) points shall be added to the earned rating of any disabled veteran as defined in section 65-502, Idaho Code, the widow or widower of any disabled veteran as long as he or she remains unmarried, or the spouse of any eligible disabled veteran who cannot qualify for any public employment because of a service-connected disability. Employment registers shall be established in order of final score except that the names of all five (5) and ten (10) point preference eligibles resulting from any merit system or civil service examination shall be placed on the register in accordance with their augmented rating. Certification of eligibility for appointment to vacancies shall be in accordance with a formula that limits selection by the hiring department from among the twenty-five (25) top ranking available eligibles plus the names of all individuals with scores identical to the twenty-fifth ranking eligible on the register. A register with at least five (5) eligibles shall be adequate. Selective certification shall be permitted when justified by the hiring department, under rules to be made by the division defining adequate justification based on the duties and requirements of the positions. Such examinations need not be held until after the rules have been adopted, the service classified, and a pay plan established, but shall be held not later than one (1) year after departments commence participation in the personnel system.

- (g) A rule that, whenever practicable, a vacancy in a classified position shall be filled by the promotion of a qualified employee of the agency in which the vacancy occurs. An interagency promotion shall be made through competitive examination and all qualified state employees shall have the opportunity to compete for such promotions. If an employee's name appears within certifiable range on a current register for a higher class of position, he shall be eligible for a transfer and promotion.
- (h) A rule for development and maintenance of a system of service ratings and the use of such ratings by all departments in connection with pro-

motions, demotions, retentions, separations and reassignments. The rule shall require that an evaluation of each classified employee shall be made after each two thousand eighty (2,080) hour period of credited state service and that a copy of the evaluation shall be filed with the division.

- (i) A rule prohibiting disqualification of any person from taking an examination, from appointment to a position, from promotion, or from holding a position because of race or national origin, color, sex, age, political or religious opinions or affiliations, and providing for right of appeal.
- (j) A rule establishing a probation period not to exceed one thousand forty (1,040) hours of credited state service for all classified appointments and promotions, except that peace officers as defined in section 19-5101, Idaho Code, shall be subject to a probation period of two thousand eighty (2,080) hours of credited state service, and for the appointing authority to provide the employee and the administrator a performance evaluation indicating satisfactory or unsatisfactory performance not later than thirty (30) days after the expiration of the probationary period. The rule shall provide that if the appointing authority fails to provide a performance evaluation within thirty (30) days after the expiration of the probationary period, the employee shall be deemed to have satisfactorily completed the probation unless. The employee shall be deemed to have satisfactorily completed the probation unless, prior to one thousand forty (1,040) hours, or two thousand eighty (2,080) hours for peace officers, the appointing authority receives approval from the administrator to extend the probationary period for good cause for an additional specified period not to exceed one thousand forty (1,040) hours of credited state service. If an employee is performing in an unsatisfactory manner during the entrance probationary period, the appointing authority shall ask the employee to resign and, if no resignation is submitted, shall terminate the employment of such employee without the right of grievance or appeal.
 - (k) A rule concerning temporary appointments.
- (1) A rule governing the employment of consultants and persons retained under independent contract.
- (m) A rule for the disciplinary dismissal, demotion, suspension or other discipline of classified employees only for cause with reasons given in writing. Such rule shall provide that any of the following reasons shall be proper cause for the disciplinary dismissal, demotion or suspension of any employee in the state classified service:
 - 1. Failure to perform the duties and carry out the obligations imposed by the state constitution, state statutes and rules of the employee's department, or rules of the administrator or the division.
 - 2. Inefficiency, incompetency, or negligence in the performance of duties \underline{r} or job performance that fails to meet established performance standards.
 - 3. Physical or mental incapability for performing assigned duties.
 - 4. Refusal to accept a reasonable and proper assignment from an authorized supervisor.
 - 5. Insubordination or conduct unbecoming a state employee or conduct detrimental to good order and discipline in the employee's department.
 - 6. Intoxication on duty.

- 7. Careless, negligent, or improper use or unlawful conversion of state property, equipment or funds.
 - 8. Use of any influence that violates the principles of the merit system in an attempt to secure a promotion or privileges for individual advantage.
 - 9. Conviction of official misconduct in office, or conviction of any crime that is deemed relevant in accordance with section 67-9411(1), Idaho Code.
 - 10. Acceptance of gifts in exchange for influence or favors given in the employee's official capacity.
 - 11. Habitual pattern of failure to report for duty at the assigned place and time.
 - 12. Habitual improper use of sick leave privileges.
 - 13. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential information from official records.
 - 14. Unapproved aAbsence without leave.

- 15. Misstatement or deception in the application for the position.
- 16. Failure to obtain or maintain a current license or certificate law-fully required as a condition for performing the duties of the job.
- 17. Prohibited participation in political activities.
- (n) A rule to establish procedures for maintenance of a record of the employment history and appropriate information relating to performance of all classified and nonclassified employees under the personnel system. For the purposes of this rule, the state shall be considered one (1) employer.
- (o) Rules to provide for recruitment programs in cooperation with department heads and the employment security agency in keeping with current employment conditions and labor market trends.
- (p) Rules to establish procedures for classified position examinations as necessary for the purpose of maintaining current registers from which to fill employment vacancies.
- (q) Other rules not inconsistent with the foregoing provisions of this section as may be necessary and proper for the administration and enforcement of this chapter.
- (r) Rules relating to leave for state employees from official duties including, but not limited to, sick leave, military leave, jury duty, leaves of absence without compensation and such other forms of absence from performance of duties in the course of state employment as may be necessary.
- (s) A rule providing up to twenty-five percent (25%) shift differential pay based on local market practices.
- (t) A rule to establish guidelines for awarding employee suggestion awards set forth in sections 59-1603 and 67-5309D, Idaho Code.
- (u) A rule to establish the reimbursement of moving expenses for a current or newly hired state employee.
- (v) A rule to allow, at the request of the hiring agency, temporary service time to count toward fulfilling entrance probationary requirements as established in subsection (j) of this section.
- (w) A rule to allow, at the request of the hiring agency, acting appointment service time to count toward fulfilling promotional probationary requirements as established in subsection (j) of this section.

SECTION 4. That Section 67-5311, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-5311. LIMITATION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY. (1) No classified employee of a state department covered by this act shall:
 - (a) Use his official authority or influence for the purpose of interfering with an election to or a nomination for office, or affecting the result thereof;
 - (b) Directly or indirectly coerce, attempt to coerce, command, or direct any other such officer or employee to pay, lend, or contribute any part of his salary or compensation or anything else of value to any party, committee, organization, agency, or person for political purposes; or
 - (c) Be a candidate and hold elective office in any partisan election.
 - (2) All such employees shall retain the right to:
 - (a) Register and vote in any election;

- (b) Express an opinion as an individual privately and publicly on political subjects and candidates;
- (c) Display a political picture, sticker, badge, or button;
- (d) Participate in the nonpartisan activities of a civic, community, social, labor, or professional organization, or of a similar organization;
- (e) Be a member of a political party or other political organization and participate in its activities;
- (f) Attend a political convention, rally, fund-raising function, or other political gathering;
- (g) Sign a political petition as an individual;
- (h) Make a financial contribution to a political party or organization;
- (i) Take an active part, in support of a candidate, in an election;
- (j) Be politically active in connection with a question which is not specifically identified with a political party, such as a constitutional amendment, referendum, approval of a municipal ordinance or any other question or issue of a similar character;
- (k) Serve as an election judge or clerk, or in a similar position to perform nonpartisan duties as prescribed by state or local law;
- (1) Be a candidate and hold elective office in any nonpartisan election;
- (m) Take an active part in political organization management; and
- (n) Otherwise participate fully in public affairs, except as prohibited by law, in a manner which does not materially compromise the neutrality, efficiency, or integrity of the employee's administration of state functions.
- SECTION 5. That Section 67-5312, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 67-5312. VIOLATIONS. Any person wilfully willfully violating any of the provisions of this act or of the rules or regulations established thereunder shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 6. That Section 67-5328, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- 67-5328. HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME. (1) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the legislature of the state of Idaho that all state employees shall be treated substantially similar with reference to hours of employment. The policy of this state as declared in this act shall not restrict the extension of regular work hour schedules on an overtime basis in those activities and duties where such extension is necessary and authorized, provided that overtime work performed under such extension is compensated for as hereinafter provided.
- (2) The appointing authority of any department shall determine the necessity for overtime work and shall provide for cash compensation or compensatory time off for such overtime work for eligible classified officers and employees, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal law.
- (3) Cash for overtime and compensatory time shall be paid based on the following criteria:
 - (a) Classified and nonclassified officers and employees who fall within one (1) or more of the following categories are ineligible for cash compensation or compensatory time for overtime work:
 - (i) Elected officials; or

- (ii) Those included in the definition of section 67-5303(j), Idaho Code.
- (b) Classified and nonclassified employees who are designated as executive, as provided in section 67-5302, Idaho Code, and who are not included in the definition of subsection (3) (a) of this paragraph (a) of this subsection, shall be ineligible for compensatory time or cash compensation for overtime work. Such salaried employees shall report absences in excess of one-half (1/2) day. Unused compensatory time balances in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours as of the date of enactment of this act shall be forfeited on December 31, 2008. Unused compensatory time balances of two hundred forty (240) hours or less shall be forfeited on December 31, 2006. Employees who become executives within their current agency as set forth in section 67-5302(12), Idaho Code, shall have twelve (12) months from the date of this act or of appointment, whichever is later, to use any compensatory time balance. After twelve (12) months, any remaining compensatory time will be forfeited. Compensatory time is not transferable, and shall be forfeited at the time of transfer to another appointing authority or upon separation from state service.
- (c) Classified and nonclassified employees who are designated as administrative or professional, as provided in the federal fair labor standards act, 29 U.S.C. section 201, et seq., or who are designated as exempt under any other complete exemption in federal law, and who are not included in the definition of either subsection (3) (a) or (3) (b) of this paragraph (a) or (b) of this subsection, shall be ineligible for cash compensation for overtime work unless cash payment is authorized by the state board of examiners for overtime accumulated during unusual or emergency situations, but such classified and nonclassified employees shall be allowed compensatory time off from duty for overtime work.

Such compensatory time shall be earned and allowed on a one (1) hour for one (1) hour-for-hour basis, shall not be transferable, and shall be forfeited at the time of transfer to another appointing authority or upon separation from state service. Compensatory time may be accrued and accumulated up to a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours. Effective with the first pay period in $July_{\tau}$ 2008 (beginning date June 15, 2008), compensatory time balances in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours will not continue to accrue until the balance is below the maximum. After the last pay period in June, 2009 (ending date June 13, 2009), balances in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours shall be forfeited.

- (d) Classified and nonclassified employees who are not designated as executive, administrative or professional as provided in this section and who are not included in the definition of subsection (3) (a) of this paragraph (a) of this subsection or who are not designated as exempt under any other complete exemption in federal law, shall be eligible for cash compensation or compensatory time off from duty for overtime work, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal law. Compensatory time off may be provided in lieu of cash compensation at the discretion of the appointing authority after consultation, in advance, with the employee. Compensatory time off shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) hours for each overtime hour worked. Compensatory time off which that has been earned during any one-half (1/2) fiscal year but not taken by the end of the succeeding one-half (1/2) fiscal year_T shall be paid in cash on the first payroll following the close of such succeeding one-half (1/2) fiscal year. Compensatory time not taken at the time of transfer to another appointing authority or upon separation from state service shall be liquidated at the time of such transfer or separation by payment in cash.
- (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, employees may be paid for overtime work during a disaster or emergency with the approval of the board of examiners.
- (4) Cash compensation for overtime, when paid, shall be at one and one-half (1 1/2) times the hourly rate of that officer's or employee's salary or wage, except for those employees whose positions fall within the definitions of executive, administrative or professional as stated in section 67-5302, Idaho Code, who will be paid at their regular hourly rate of pay as provided for in subsection (3) of this section.
- (5) Except as provided for in subsection (3) of this section, compensation for authorized overtime work shall be made at the completion of the pay period next following the pay period in which the overtime work occurred and shall be added to the regular salary payment.
- (6) At the request of the administrator of the division of human resources, agencies in the executive department shall conduct a review and cooperate with the division of human resources to ensure all fair labor standards act requirements are appropriately implemented for all positions and provide the report to the division of human resources.

SECTION 7. That Section 67-5333, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

67-5333. SICK LEAVE. (1) Sick leave shall be computed as follows:

- (a) The rate per hour at which sick leave shall accrue to eligible classified and nonclassified officers and employees earning credited state service shall be at the rate represented by the proportion 96/2080. Sick leave shall accrue without limit and shall be transferable from department to department.
- (b) Sick leave shall not accrue to any officer or employee on any kind of leave of absence without pay, suspension without pay, or layoff. Sick leave shall accrue while an officer or employee is on approved leave with pay, on approved vacation leave, on approved military leave with pay, and on approved sick leave, but not when compensatory time is taken.
- (c) All accrued sick leave shall be forfeited at the time of separation from state service and no officer or employee shall be reimbursed for accrued sick leave at the time of separation, except as provided in subsection (2) of this section. If such officer or employee returns to benefited credited state service within three (3) years of such separation, all sick leave credits accrued at the time of separation shall be reinstated for use, except to the extent that unused sick leave was utilized for the purposes specified in subsection (2) of this section or transferred to a school district or charter district pursuant to section 33-1217, Idaho Code.
- (d) Sick leave shall be taken on a workday basis. Regularly scheduled days off and officially designated holidays falling within a period of sick leave shall not be counted against sick leave. Sick leave shall not be taken in advance of being earned and shall only be taken in pay periods subsequent to being earned.
- (e) In cases where absences for sick leave exceed three (3) consecutive working days, the appointing authority may require verification by a physician or other authorized practitioner.
- (f) If an absence for illness or injury extends beyond the sick leave accrued to the credit of the officer or employee, the officer or employee may be granted leave without pay.
- (g) The administrator shall prescribe additional requirements for sick leave for classified and nonclassified officers and employees on a part-time or irregular schedule, for maintaining sick leave records, for funeral leave and for such other applicable purposes as necessary.
- (2) Unused sick leave may be used as follows:
- (a) Upon separation from state employment by retirement in accordance with chapter 13, title 59, or chapter 1, title 33, Idaho Code, an employee's unused sick leave shall be determined based on accumulated sick leave earned subsequent to July 1, 1976, and shall be reported by the employer to the public employee retirement system. Upon separation from state employment by retirement in accordance with chapter 20, title 1, Idaho Code, an employee's unused sick leave shall be determined based on accumulated sick leave earned subsequent to July 1, 2000, and shall be reported by the employer to the public employee retirement system. A sum equal to one-half (1/2), or the maximum amount allowed by paragraph (b) of this subsection, whichever is the lesser, of the monetary value of such unused sick leave, calculated at the rate

of pay for such employee at the time of retirement, as determined by the retirement board, shall be transferred from the sick leave account provided by paragraph (c) of this subsection and shall be credited to such employee's retirement account. The remaining one-half (1/2) balance shall be forfeited. Such sums shall be used by the Idaho public employee retirement board to pay premiums, as permitted by and subject to applicable federal tax laws and limits, for such health, dental, vision, long-term care, prescription drug, and life insurance programs as may be maintained by the state, to the extent of the funds credited to the employee's account pursuant to this section. Upon an employee's death, any unexpended sums remaining in the account shall revert to the sick leave account.

- (b) For the purposes of determining the monetary value of unused sick leave, the maximum unused sick leave $\frac{1}{2}$ may be considered shall be:
 - (i) During the first ten thousand four hundred (10,400) hours of credited state service, the maximum unused sick leave which that may be considered shall be four hundred twenty (420) hours;
 - (ii) During the second ten thousand four hundred (10,400) hours of credited state service, the maximum unused sick leave $\frac{\text{which}}{\text{that}}$ may be considered shall be four hundred eighty (480) hours;
 - (iii) During the third ten thousand four hundred (10,400) hours of credited state service, the maximum unused sick leave which that may be considered shall be five hundred forty (540) hours; and
 - (iv) Thereafter, the maximum unused sick leave $\frac{\text{which}}{\text{that}}$ may be considered shall be six hundred (600) hours; and
- (v) For any employees of a state educational agency with unused sick leave that includes sick leave credited pursuant to section 33-1217, Idaho Code, the credited state service requirements of subsection (2)(b)(i) through (iv) of this section subparagraphs (i) through (iv) of this paragraph shall not apply, but the maximum unused sick leave which that may be considered shall be six hundred (600) hours.
- (c) Each employer in state government shall contribute to a sick leave account maintained by the public employee retirement system in trust exclusively for the purpose of the provisions of this section. retirement board shall serve as trustee of the trust and shall be indemnified to the same extent as provided in section 59-1305, Idaho Code. Assets in the trust shall not be assignable or subject to execution, garnishment or attachment or to the operation of any bankruptcy or insolvency law. The rate of such contribution each pay period shall consist of a percentage of employees' salaries as determined by the board, and such rate shall remain in effect until next determined by the board. Any excess balance in the sick leave account shall be invested, and the earnings therefrom shall accrue to the sick leave account except the amount required by the board to defray administrative expenses. Assets of the trust may be commingled for investment purposes with other assets managed by the retirement board. All moneys payable to the sick leave account are hereby perpetually appropriated to the board and shall not be included in its departmental budget. The state insurance

fund and public health districts shall be considered employers in state government for purposes of participation under this section.

SECTION 8. That Section $\underline{67-5333B}$, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

SECTION 9. That Section 67-5340, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

- PENSATION BENEFITS. (1) Whenever any employee of the state of Idaho who is categorized as a police officer for retirement purposes pursuant to section 59-1302A 59-1303, Idaho Code, is physically disabled by a serious injury arising out of and in the course of his duties, and the injury is induced by a second party, he shall be entitled, regardless of his period of service with the department, to a leave of absence while so disabled without loss of salary or benefits for a period of not more than one (1) year. Any workmen's worker's compensation payments made to the employee shall revert back to the employee's department. For the purposes of this section, "serious injury" means an injury which that renders the police officer incapable of performing the regularly assigned duties of his regular employment position or office and "injury induced by a second party" means an injury induced by the negligent, malicious, or intentional act or omission of another person during a chargeable misdemeanor or felony.
- (2) It shall be the duty of the director of the applicable department to determine whether or not the disability referred to in subsection (1) of this section arose out of and in the course of duty. The director of the applicable department shall also determine when such disability ceases.
- (3) Payment of salary pursuant to this section shall not preclude the disabled police officer from receiving regular medical, surgical or hospital coverage as provided pursuant to section 67-5761, Idaho Code.
- (4) If a police officer is disabled for more than one (1) year $\underline{\prime}$ then the regular disability insurance provisions of the Idaho Code shall apply to any period of disability beyond the one (1) year period of disability covered by this section.
- (5) The provisions of this section shall not apply to periods of disability which that occur subsequent to termination of employment by resignation, retirement, or dismissal. When the provisions of this section do not apply, the employee shall be eligible for those benefits which that would apply if this section had not been enacted.
- SECTION 10. That Section 59-1607, Idaho Code, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:
- 59-1607. HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME. (1) It is the policy of the legislature of the state of Idaho that all classified and nonclassified officers and employees of the executive branch of state government shall be treated substantially similar with reference to hours of employment, holidays and vacation leave, except as provided in this chapter. For wage, hour and working conditions, the supreme court and the legislative council shall prescribe rules for employees of the judicial branch and the legislative

branch, respectively. The policy of this state shall not restrict the extension of regular work hour schedules on an overtime basis, which shall be the same for classified and nonclassified employees, in those activities and duties where such extension is necessary and authorized by the appointing authority.

- (2) The appointing authority of any department shall determine the necessity for overtime work and shall provide for cash compensation or compensatory time off for such overtime work for eligible classified and nonclassified officers and employees.
- (3) Classified and nonclassified officers and employees who fall within one (1) or more of the following categories are ineligible for cash compensation or compensatory time for overtime work:
 - (a) Elected officials; or

- (b) Those included in the definition of section 67-5303(j), Idaho Code.
- (4) Classified and nonclassified employees who are designated as executive, as provided in section 67-5302, Idaho Code, and who are not included in the definition of subsection (3) of this section, shall be ineligible for compensatory time or cash compensation for overtime work. Such salaried employees shall report absences in excess of one-half (1/2) day. Unused compensatory time balances in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours as of the date of enactment of this act shall be forfeited on December 31, 2008. Unused compensatory time balances of two hundred forty (240) hours or less shall be forfeited on December 31, 2006. Employees who become executives within their current agency as set forth in section 67-5302(12), Idaho Code, shall have twelve (12) months from the date of this act or of appointment, whichever is later, to use any compensatory time balance. After twelve (12) months, any remaining compensatory time will be forfeited. Compensatory time is not transferable, and shall be forfeited at the time of transfer to another appointing authority or upon separation from state service.
- (5) Classified and nonclassified officers and employees who are designated as administrative or professional as provided in the federal fair labor standards act, or who are designated as exempt under any other complete exemption in federal law, and who are not included in the definition of subsection (3) of this section, shall be ineligible for cash compensation for overtime work unless cash payment is authorized by the state board of examiners for overtime accumulated during unusual or emergency situations, but such classified and nonclassified officers and employees shall be allowed compensatory time off from duty for overtime work. Such compensatory time shall be earned and allowed on a one (1) hour for one (1) hour-for-hour basis, shall not be transferable, and shall be forfeited at the time of transfer to another appointing authority or upon separation from state service. Compensatory time may be accrued and accumulated up to a maximum of two hundred forty (240) hours. Effective with the first pay period in $July_{\tau}$ 2008 (beginning date June 15, 2008), compensatory time balances in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours will not continue to accrue until the balance is below the maximum. After the last pay period in June, 2009 (ending date June 13, 2009), balances in excess of two hundred forty (240) hours shall be forfeited.
- (6) Classified and nonclassified officers and employees who are not designated as executive, administrative or professional as provided in this section, and who are not included in the definition of subsection (3) of

this section or who are not designated as exempt under any other complete exemption in federal law, shall be eligible for cash compensation or compensatory time off from duty for overtime work, subject to the restrictions of applicable federal law. Compensatory time off may be provided in lieu of cash compensation at the discretion of the appointing authority after consultation, in advance, with the employee. Compensatory time off shall be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1 1/2) hours for each overtime hour worked. Compensatory time off which that has been earned during any one-half (1/2) fiscal year but not taken by the end of the succeeding one-half (1/2) fiscal year, shall be paid in cash on the first payroll following the close of such succeeding one-half (1/2) fiscal year. Compensatory time not taken at the time of transfer to another appointing authority or upon separation from state service shall be liquidated at the time of such transfer or separation by payment in cash.

(7) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, employees may be paid for overtime work during a disaster or emergency with the approval of the board of examiners.

SECTION 11. An emergency existing therefor, which emergency is hereby declared to exist, this act shall be in full force and effect on and after July 1, 2023.