

DONATION OF PAID SICK LEAVE

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Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to establish the use of shared or donated paid sick leave by eligible employees who choose to participate. Participation in the paid sick leave donation program is voluntary.

Rationale

Charleston County School District expects employees to come to work every day. Employee attendance is one factor that has a direct correlation ~~to~~with student academic performance.

The board recognizes, however, that certain absences due to illness are unavoidable and wishes to provide an opportunity for economic relief for employees who, by reason of **prolonged continuous absence**, are likely to suffer financial hardship.

The paid sick leave donation program ~~provides a method for~~allows an employee to donate a portion of his/ her ~~unused~~-accumulated paid sick leave to another employee of Charleston County School District when ~~that employee is suffering from a catastrophic event or~~the recipient must be absent due to a serious health condition—(, as defined by the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), or ~~who has to care for~~ a member of ~~his or her~~the employee's immediate family or household who is suffering from a ~~catastrophic event or~~ serious health condition (as defined by the FMLA). ~~This policy is not intended to provide for the sharing of sick leave for leave related to normal pregnancy and/or post-natal care.~~

Immediate family is defined as a spouse, son, daughter or parent of the employee, ~~if spouse, son, daughter or parent has a serious health condition.~~ The terms “son” or “daughter” do not include individuals 18 years of age or older unless they are incapable of self-care because of mental or physical disability that limits one or more ~~of the~~ “major life activities” or “major bodily functions” as those terms are defined in ~~regulations issued by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) under~~ the Americans ~~With~~with Disabilities Amendments Act (ADA).~~of 2008 (ADAA) and related regulations.~~

~~Therefore, This program is intended to allow~~ the donation of paid sick leave days to qualifying recipients who are absent from work on authorized leave protected under the law or policy. This program is not intended to extend protected leave.

The superintendent shall establish the paid sick leave donation program and procedures for the orderly implementation of the program.

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