

## **WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §8-22A-27A**

### **§8-22A-27a. Credit toward retirement for member's accrued annual or sick leave days.**

(a) For purposes of this section, an annual leave or sick leave day shall be the equivalent of eight hours of leave.

(b) Any member accruing annual leave or sick leave days may, after the effective date of this section, elect to use the days which stand to the member's credit with the member's last covered employment employer at the time of retirement to acquire additional credited service in this retirement system. The days shall be applied on the basis of one days' credit granted for each one day of accrued annual or sick leave days, with each month of retirement service credit to equal 20 days and with any remainder of 10 days or more to constitute a full month of additional credit and any remainder of less than 10 days to be dropped and not used, notwithstanding any provisions of this code to the contrary. The credited service shall be allowed and not considered to controvert the requirement of no more than 12 months' credited service in any year's period.

(c) Members employed by any covered employment employer with a policy for the accrual of unused sick and annual leave which is more generous than that of the State of West Virginia for its state agency employees shall receive service credit only for accrued unused sick and annual leave as provided for by the State of West Virginia for state employees who are covered by the rules of the West Virginia Division of Personnel. If the member is paid in a lump sum for accrued unused leave, the Board shall not consider the lump sum payment as annual compensation in computing a member's final average salary.