

**122A.49 SABBATICAL LEAVE FOR TEACHERS.**

Subdivision 1. **Qualifications.** A teacher who holds a license, according to this chapter, and a contract for employment by a school district or other organization providing public education may be granted a sabbatical leave by the board employing the teacher under rules promulgated by the board.

Subd. 2. **Return to position.** A teacher who applies for and accepts sabbatical leave shall agree that, upon the conclusion of said sabbatical leave, the teacher shall return to the teacher's position for a period determined by the board before the leave is granted, or repay the district the portion of salary received while on sabbatical leave.

Subd. 3. **Retain rights in employing district.** A teacher who has been granted a sabbatical leave must retain all rights in the employing district as though teaching in that district.

Subd. 4. **Sabbatical leave defined.** The term "sabbatical leave," as used in this section, means compensated leaves of absence granted for purposes of professional improvement or service.

**History:** *Ex1959 c 71 art 6 s 18; 1976 c 222 s 208; 1986 c 444; 1992 c 499 art 12 s 19; 1995 c 212 art 4 s 64; 1998 c 397 art 8 s 55,101*