537 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

Education Code Sections

88035. Benefits of Probationary and Permanent Part-Time Classified Employees. All probationary and permanent part-time classified employees shall be entitled to sick leave, and all other benefits conferred by law on classified employees. Part-time employees shall be entitled to all leaves and benefits granted by the governing board to a majority of the regular full-time employees in the classified service of the district or to regular full-time employees in the same classified positions or general class of positions; but such leaves and benefits may be prorated in the same ratio as the regular work hours per day, days per week, weeks per month, or months per year of such part-time employees bear to 8 hours per day, 40 hours per calendar week, 4 calendar weeks per month, or 12 calendar months during the school year.

Except for prorating benefits for part-time employees as herein authorized, the governing board shall provide at least the same benefits for all regular employees in the classified service as it provides for majority of such employees.

Nothing in this section shall be construed to prohibit the granting of additional benefits for some employees in recognition of nature of work, level of classification, or length of service.

This section shall not apply to employees properly designated as substitute, short-term, or limited-term employees, as defined in Sections 88003 and 88105, unless such employees are specifically included by a governing board, or by a personnel commission for those districts included under the provisions of Article 3 (commencing with Section 88060) of this chapter.

This section shall apply to districts that have adopted the merit system in the same manner and effect as if it were a part of Article 3 (commencing with Section 88060) of this chapter.

This section shall not apply to those benefits authorized under the provisions of Article 1 (commencing with Section 53200) of Chapter 2 of Part 1, of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government code.

CHANGES:

Last paragraph was added to provide additional information on existing benefits.
88036. Fringe Benefits of Part-Time Classified Employees. A classified employee who works a minimum of 30 minutes per day in excess of his or her part-time assignment for a period of 20 consecutive working days or more shall have his or her basic assignment changed to reflect the longer hours in order to acquire fringe benefits on a properly prorated basis as specified in Section 88035.

If a part-time employee's average paid time, excluding overtime for which the employee receives compensation at a rate at least equal to time and one-half, exceeds his or her average assigned time by 50 minutes or more per working day in any quarter, the hours paid per day for compensable leaves of absence and holidays in the succeeding quarter shall be equivalent to the average hours paid per working day in the preceding quarter, excluding overtime.

Except where vacation entitlement is accrued on the basis of actual hours of paid regular service, vacation entitlement shall be based on the average number of hours worked per working day during the portion of the college year in which the employee is assigned to duty.

It is the intent of the Legislature, in enacting this section, to insure that part-time employees are accorded fringe benefits on an appropriate prorated basis with full recognition given to the number of hours worked by the part-time employee, rather than on the basis of time fixed to the position when the fixed time is not reasonably correlated with the actual time worked. This section is to be liberally construed in order that Section 88035 may not be circumvented by requiring employees to work in excess of the regularly fixed hours for a position on an overtime basis but for which premium pay is not provided nor appropriate adjustment is not made in fringe benefit entitlement.

A. An employee in the classified service, who has regular status in a part-time position or positions, shall become a permanent employee when he/she has met the time requirements of Rule 701. A part-time position is one for which the assigned time is less than 87 1/2 percent of the normally assigned time of the majority of employees in the classified service, as defined in Rule 516.

B. Regular part-time employees are entitled to the same leaves and benefits granted to regular full-time employees except that the leaves and benefits will accrue on a prorated basis consistent with the employee’s assigned time. In order to receive health benefits, the employee needs to be assigned to a minimum of .5 FTE position.

CHANGES:

Paragraph B was added to clarify part-time employee’s leaves and benefits.
C. An employee fulfilling the conditions outlined in Section A shall gain permanency only as a part-time employee, and may be assigned to a full-time position in that class, if:

1. he/she is permanent in the class; and

2. the eligibility list from which he/she was appointed to the class has expired; and

3. there is no one available from the reemployment list for the class.

D. No person who has gained full-time status shall be involuntarily placed on a part-time schedule except through regular layoff or demotion procedures.

E. An employee who, for any cause, serves only a portion of the time used as a basis for his/her salary rate, shall be paid only the proportional part of the salary earned for the time actually worked. This rule shall not nullify other rules and regulations or acts of the Board of Trustees authorizing pay to employees when absent from duty.

F. An employee in the classified service who works a minimum of 30 minutes per day in excess of his/her part-time assignment for a period of 20 or more consecutive working days, shall have his/her basic assignment changed to reflect the longer hours in order to acquire fringe benefits on a properly prorated basis.

CHANGES:

Previous Paragraph B, re-designated as Paragraph C, has been revised to reflect word changes made to Paragraph A regarding classified service and paragraphs were renumbered.