DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY Statutory Authority: 14 Delaware Code, Section 122(a) (14 Del.C. §122(a)) 14 DE Admin. Code 712

PROPOSED

PUBLIC NOTICE

Education Impact Analysis Pursuant to 14 Del.C. Section 122(d)

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A. TYPE OF REGULATORY ACTION REQUIRED

Amendment to Existing Regulation

B. SYNOPSIS OF SUBJECT MATTER OF THE REGULATION

Pursuant to 14 **Del.C.** §§122(a) and 1318, the Secretary of Education intends to amend 14 **DE Admin. Code** 712 Employee Leave. The Department has reviewed the regulation in order to comply with 29 **Del.C.** §10407 which requires regulations to be reviewed on a recurring basis every four years and concluded that the regulation only needs to be amended to correct grammatical errors in order to comply with the *Delaware Administrative Code Drafting and Style Manual*.

Persons wishing to present their views regarding this matter may do so in writing by submitting them to the Department of Education, Office of the Secretary, Attn: Regulation Review, 401 Federal Street, Suite 2, Dover, Delaware 19901 or through the Department's online submission form at https://education.delaware.gov/community/delaware-education-laws-and-regulations/provide-public-comment/ by the close of business (4:30 p.m. EST) on or before November 1, 2022. Any person who wishes to receive a copy of the proposed regulation may obtain a copy from the Department at the Office of the Secretary on the second floor of the Townsend Building, 401 Federal Street, Dover, Delaware.

C. IMPACT CRITERIA

1. Will the amended regulation help improve student achievement as measured against state achievement standards? The amended regulation does not specifically address the improvement of student achievement as measured against state achievement standards.

2. Will the amended regulation help ensure that all students receive an equitable education? The amended regulation will help ensure all students receive an equitable education.

3. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' health and safety are adequately protected? The amended regulation will help ensure all students' health and safety are adequately protected.

4. Will the amended regulation help to ensure that all students' legal rights are respected? The amended regulation continues to help ensure that all students' legal rights are respected.

5. Will the amended regulation preserve the necessary authority and flexibility of decision making at the local board and school level? The amended regulation does not change the decision making at the local board and school level.

6. Will the amended regulation place unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates upon decision makers at the local board and school levels? The amended regulation does not place any unnecessary reporting or administrative requirements or mandates on decision makers.

7. Will the decision making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated be placed in the same entity? The amended regulation does not change the decision making authority and accountability for addressing the subject to be regulated.

8. Will the amended regulation be consistent with and not an impediment to the implementation of other state educational policies, in particular to state educational policies addressing achievement in the core academic subjects of mathematics, science, language arts and social studies? The amended regulation is consistent with and not an impediment to the implementation of other state educational policies.

9. Is there a less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the regulation? There is no less burdensome method for addressing the purpose of the amended regulation.

10. What is the cost to the State and to the local school boards of compliance with the regulation? There are no material costs to implementing this amended regulation.

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1.0 Sick Leave

- 1.1 Sick leave accumulated by an employee of any state agency or school district shall be transferred when said employee begins subsequent employment in a school district. If there is a break in service service, the transfer can only occur if the break was for less than six (6) <u>6</u> months.
- 1.2 Sick leave days are made available at the start of the fiscal year, but adjustments for employees who terminate service prior to the end of the school year shall be made in the final paycheck.

8 DE Reg. 1479 (04/01/05) 13 DE Reg. 1302 (04/01/10)

2.0 Annual Leave

Subject to any limitation imposed by statute, accumulated annual leave shall be paid upon termination of employment. The employer may allow the employee to either remain on the regular payroll until such time as all annual leave is exhausted or receive a lump sum payment for all unused annual leave in the employee's final paycheck. The vacated position may be filled at any time provided that the two employees do not receive compensation for the same pay period. Accumulated annual leave shall not be transferred between different employing state agencies or school districts.

3 DE Reg. 1392 (04/01/00) 8 DE Reg. 1479 (04/01/05) 13 DE Reg. 1302 (04/01/10) 20 DE Reg. 716 (03/01/17) 26 DE Reg. 252 (10/01/22) (Prop.)