

**25 NCAC 01E .0817      RETENTION AND CONTINUATION OF BENEFITS**

(a) The employee may choose to have accumulated vacation leave paid in a lump sum, may exhaust this leave, or may retain part or all of accumulated leave until return to state service. The maximum accumulation of 240 hours shall apply to lump sum payment.

(b) The employee shall retain all accumulated sick leave and continue to earn time toward salary increases and total State service. Entitlement shall be given to full retirement membership service credit in accordance with the provisions of the Teachers' and State Employees' Retirement System.

*History Note:      Authority G.S. 126-4(5);  
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Pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A, rule is necessary without substantive public interest Eff. October 4, 2016.*