of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take

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CHAPTER 448
[Senate Bill No. 5483]
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES—AUTHORIZED LEAVE WITHOUT PAY—
RETIREMENT CALCULATIONS

AN ACT Relating to higher education retirement benefits; and adding a new section to
chapter 28B.10 RCW.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

NEW SECTION. Sec. 1. A new section is added to chapter 28B.10
RCW to read as follows:

(1) A faculty member or other employee designated by the boards of
regents of the state universities, the boards of trustees of the regional
universities and The Evergreen State College, or the state board for community
college education who is granted an authorized leave of absence without pay
may apply the period of time while on the leave in the computation of ben-
efits in any annuity and retirement plan authorized under RCW 28B.10.400
through 28B.10.430 only to the extent provided in subsection (2) of this
section.

(2) An employee who is eligible under subsection (1) of this section
may receive a maximum of two years' credit during the employee's entire
working career for periods of authorized leave without pay. Such credit may
be obtained only if the employee pays both the employer and employee
contributions required under RCW 28B.10.405 and 28B.10.410 while on
the authorized leave of absence and if the employee returns to employment
with the university or college immediately following the leave of absence for
a period of not less than two years. The employee and employer contribu-
tions shall be based on the average of the employee's compensation at the
time the leave of absence was authorized and the time the employee re-
sumes employment. Any benefit under RCW 28B.10.400(3) shall be based
only on the employee's compensation earned from employment with the
university or college.

An employee who is inducted into the armed forces of the United
States shall be deemed to be on an unpaid, authorized leave of absence.

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