

1969 Senate Bill 430

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CHAPTER 233, LAWS OF 1969

AN ACT to amend 37.31 (1) of the statutes, as affected by chapter , laws of 1969 (Senate Bill 355), relating to teacher tenure in the state university system.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

37.31 (1) of the statutes, as affected by chapter , laws of 1969 (Senate Bill 355), is amended to read:

37.31 (1) (a) All teachers in any state university shall initially be employed on probation. The employment shall be permanent, during efficiency and good behavior, after ~~4 years of continuous service~~ *appointment and acceptance thereof for a sixth consecutive year* in the state university system as a teacher. An official leave of absence, *part-time or full time, or a teacher improvement assignment* shall not constitute a break in continuous service, nor shall it count toward the ~~4 years~~ *time* required to attain tenure.

(b) ~~No~~ *The employment of a teacher who has become permanently employed under this section may not be discharged terminated involuntarily, except for cause upon written charges. Within 30 20 days of receiving the written charges notice that his employment has been terminated, such permanently employed teacher may appeal the discharge termination to the board of regents by a written notice to the president of the board of regents. The board of regents shall cause the charges to be investigated, hear the case and provide such teacher with a written statement as to its decision. The action and decision of the board of regents in the matter shall be final, subject to judicial review under ch. 227. The board of regents shall prescribe by rule, pursuant to ch. 227, dates on or before which teachers employed on probation shall be given written notice of reappointment or non-reappointment for another academic year, procedures to be followed with respect to the giving of notice and opportunity to be heard when the employment of a teacher who has become permanently employed is involuntarily terminated and notice and review of any such termination. The board of regents shall also prescribe by rule the procedure for giving a teacher who has not acquired tenure under this section an opportunity to be heard in case his employment is terminated or it is proposed to terminate his employment before the end of the period for which he has been employed, but the decision of the president of the university or the board of regents in such a case shall not be subject to judicial review.*

(c) In this section "teachers" includes all persons engaged *full time* in teaching, as defined in s. 42.20 (14), as their principal occupation, excluding faculty assistants, but shall not include any state university president or acting president in his capacity as president of any of the state universities.

Approved November 13, 1969.