

03.619 Parental Leave.

1. Purpose. To provide for a reasonable period of leave to be accessed by new parents of natural or adopted children, when the provisions of the federal Family Medical Leave Act are not applicable.
2. General Policy. System staff with less than a total of 12 months of state service or who have worked less than 1,250 hours in the 12-month period immediately preceding the commencement of leave are entitled to a parental leave of absence, not to exceed twelve weeks, for the birth of a natural child or the adoption or foster care placement of a child under three years of age. The employee must utilize all available applicable paid vacation and sick leave while taking parental leave. The leave is limited to and begins with the date of, the birth of a natural child or the adoption or foster care placement of a child under three years of age.
3. Provisions. The use of sick leave is strictly limited to those situations clearly falling within the definition of sick leave contained in the Sick Leave Policy, (No. 1.4.10.)

REFERENCE: Texas Government Code, Section 661.913.