

74-32,105. Obligations postponed, when; satisfaction of obligations. (a) Except as otherwise specified in the agreement, an obligation under any agreement entered into under the teacher service scholarship program shall be postponed: (1) During any required period of active military service; (2) during any period of service as a part of volunteers in service to America (VISTA); (3) during any period of service in the peace corps; (4) during any period of service commitment to the United States public health service; (5) during any period of religious missionary work conducted by an organization exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the federal internal revenue code as in effect on December 31, 2000; (6) during any period of time the person obligated is unable because of temporary medical disability to teach; (7) during any period of time the person obligated is enrolled and actively engaged on a full-time basis in a course of study leading to a degree in the field of education which is higher than that formerly attained; (8) during any period of time the person obligated is on job-protected leave under the federal family and medical leave act of 1993; or (9) during any period of time the state board of regents determines that the person obligated is unable because of special circumstances to teach. Except for clauses (6), (8) and (9), an obligation under any agreement entered into as provided in the teacher service scholarship program shall not be postponed more than five years from the time the obligation was to have been commenced under such agreement. An obligation under any agreement entered into as provided in the teacher service scholarship program shall be postponed under clause (6) during the period of time the medical disability exists. An obligation under any agreement entered into as provided in the teacher service scholarship program shall be postponed under clause (8) during the period of time the person obligated remains on FMLA leave. An obligation to engage in teaching in accordance with an agreement under the teacher service scholarship program shall be postponed under clause (9) during the period of time the state board of regents determines that the special circumstances exist. The state board of regents shall adopt rules and regulations prescribing criteria or guidelines for determination of the existence of special circumstances causing an inability to teach, and shall determine the documentation required to prove the existence of such circumstances.

(b) An obligation under any agreement entered into as provided in the teacher service scholarship program shall be satisfied: (1) If the obligation has been completed in accordance with the agreement; (2) if the person obligated dies; (3) if, because of permanent physical disability, the person obligated is unable to satisfy the obligation; (4) if the person obligated fails to satisfy the requirements for a graduation from a teacher education program after making the best effort possible; (5) if the person obligated fails to satisfy all requirements for licensure to teach in Kansas or has been denied licensure after applying for a license to teach and making the best effort possible to obtain such license; or (6) if the person obligated is unable to obtain employment as a teacher in an underserved area or in a hard-to-fill teaching discipline as specified in the agreement after making the best effort possible to obtain such employment and the person obligated otherwise completes the terms, conditions and obligations of the agreement.

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