

ARTICLE 16 – LAYOFF

16.1 Layoff and Reemployment

A. Application

Whenever it is necessary because of a lack of work or funds, or whenever it is advisable in the interest of economy to reduce the number of permanent and/or probationary employees (hereinafter known as “Employees”) in any State agency, the State may layoff employees pursuant to this section.

B. Order of Layoff

Employees shall be laid off in order of seniority pursuant to Government Code sections 19997.2 through 19997.7 and applicable SPB and CalHR rules.

C. Notice

1. The State agrees to forward a copy of the layoff plan and a copy of the SROA/Surplus list (as it relates to a potential layoff) to SEIU Local 1000 as soon as each is approved by CalHR. It is understood that the layoff plan and the SROA/Surplus list may be approved at different times.
2. Employees compensated on a monthly basis shall be notified thirty (30) calendar days in advance of the effective date of layoff. Where notices are mailed, the thirty (30) calendar day time period will begin to run on the date of the mailing of the notice. The State agrees to notify the Union no later than sixty (60) calendar days prior to the actual date of layoff. The notice to the Union shall also include the reason for the layoff, the area of the layoff, the anticipated classifications affected, the total number of employees in each affected classification, the estimated number of surplus employees in each classification and the proposed effective date of the layoff.

D. Grievance and Arbitration

Any dispute regarding the interpretation or application of any portion of this layoff provision shall be resolved solely through the grievance and arbitration procedure.

E. Transfer or Demotion in Lieu of Layoff

The State may offer affected employees a transfer or a demotion in lieu of layoff pursuant to Government Code sections 19997.8 through 19997.10 and applicable CalHR rules. If an employee refuses a transfer or demotion, the employee shall be laid off.

F. Reemployment

In accordance with Government Code sections 19997.11 and 19997.12, the State shall establish a reemployment list by class for all employees who are laid off. Such lists shall take precedence over all other types of employment lists for the classes in which employees were laid off. Employees shall be certified from department or sub-divisional reemployment lists in accordance with section 19056 of the Government Code.

G. State Service Credit for Layoff Purposes

In determining seniority scores, one (1) point shall be allowed for each qualifying monthly pay period of full-time state service regardless of when such service occurred. A pay period in which a full-time employee works eleven (11) or more days will be considered a qualifying pay period except that when an absence from state service resulting from a temporary or permanent separation for more than eleven (11) consecutive working days falls into two (2) consecutive qualifying pay periods, the second pay period shall be disqualified. Veterans will receive additional credits in accordance with Government Code section 19997.6.

H. Departmental Vacancies

Departments filling vacancies shall offer positions to employees facing layoff, demotion in lieu of layoff or geographic transfer in accordance with current SROA procedures.

- I. Employees who are affected by layoff, reduction in time-base or other similar circumstances under this Article will be entitled to continuation of health, dental, and vision benefits pursuant to Public Law 99-272, Title X, COBRA.

16.2 Reducing the Adverse Effects of Layoff

Whenever the State determines it necessary to layoff employees, the State and the Union shall meet in good faith to explore alternatives to laying off employees such as, but not limited to, voluntary reduced work time, retraining, early retirement, and unpaid leaves of absence.

16.3 Alternative to Layoff

The State may propose to reduce the number of hours an employee works as an alternative to layoff. Prior to the implementation of this alternative to a layoff, the State will notify and meet and confer with the Union to seek concurrence of the usage of this alternative.

16.4 Military Installations

The State agrees to notify the Union at such time as the State becomes aware of federal government plans to regain jurisdiction of military installations currently loaned (or leased) to the State Department of the Military.

16.5 Layoff Employee Assistance Program (EAP)

Employees laid off shall be provided services in accordance with the EAP. Such services are term limited for six (6) months from the actual date of layoff.

16.6.3 Special School Teacher Layoff (Unit 3)

In the event a Special School Teacher will be laid off, the Special Schools will consider that teacher for vacant teaching positions in other Special Schools which require the same credential.

The Special Schools will endeavor to inform teachers by April 1 of a school year if they intend to layoff teachers. This does not preclude a Special School from laying off teachers if notice is not given by April 1.

16.7.17 Continuation of Benefits (Unit 17)

Unit 17 employees who are affected by layoff, reduction in time base or other similar circumstances under this Article will be entitled to continuation of health, dental, and vision benefits pursuant to PublicLaw 99-272, Title X, COBRA.