

123:1-34-11**Mandatory cost savings program.**

(A) Pursuant to section 124.392(C) of the Revised Code, the mandatory cost savings program has been created as a tool to reduce costs. The program is a non-permanent reduction in wages for employees who are exempt from collective bargaining and paid by warrant of the director of budget and management. The program consists of either time off or loss of holiday pay as described in this rule.

(B) Except as provided in paragraph (H) of this rule, full-time permanent employees shall use ten cost savings days (CSDs) each fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010 for a total of eighty hours each fiscal year. Full-time permanent employees who are hired after the effective date of this rule, but prior to the end of fiscal year 2010 or fiscal year 2011, shall use a prorated amount of CSDs equal to 3.076 hours for each pay period remaining in the fiscal year that they were hired.

(C) The employee's gross pay will be reduced by an amount equal to 3.076 hours of the employee's total rate of pay each pay period. this provision shall also apply to full-time employees who are receiving a paid leave benefit, including but not limited to, occupational injury leave, salary continuation, or disability benefits.

If the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general has confirmed participation in the CSDS program prior to the effective date of this rule, the gross pay of the impacted employees will be reduced by an amount equal to 3.076 hours of the employee's total rate of pay each pay period.

If the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general has not opted out of the CSDs program prior to the effective date of this rule, the statutory assumption of participation shall apply. The gross pay of the impacted employees will be reduced by an amount calculated by the department of administrative services based on the number of pay periods left in the fiscal year. The calculated amount will apply to employees of the impacted office wherever 3.076 appears in this rule instead of 3.076.

If the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general has modified the cost savings day amount for their respective employees pursuant to statutory authority, the gross pay of the impacted employees will be reduced by an amount calculated by the department of administrative services based on the number of pay periods left in the fiscal year. The calculated amount will apply to employees of the impacted office wherever 3.076 appears in this rule instead of 3.076.

(D) Scheduling CSDs. Leave for CSDs shall be scheduled in full-day increments as determined by the employee's regular work schedule.

(1) In consultation with the department of administrative services, appointing authorities may indicate dates that employees may not schedule CSDs ("black out" days). Black out days may be work unit specific.

- (2) Appointing authorities may not require their employees to utilize their CSDs on a specific work day without prior review and approval by the department of administrative services.
- (3) Employees will schedule leave for CSDs in a manner determined by their appointing authority. Appointing authorities may set agency-specific criteria to determine whether or not to grant leave for CSDs for the dates the employee requests. If an appointing authority declines to grant a requested CSD, the employee shall request a different date. Appointing authorities must allow employees to schedule and take all of their CSDs by the end of each fiscal year.
- (4) Employees who have planned retirement dates must schedule a prorated amount of CSDs equal to 3.076 hours each pay period they are scheduled to in state service prior to retirement.
- (5) Beginning with leave taken on October 1, 2009, employees must utilize CSDs prior to requesting any other prescheduled full-day of leave. If an employee requests a prescheduled full-day of leave prior to utilizing all CSDs and the appointing authority permits the employee to be out of the work place, the appointing authority shall count the leave as a cost savings day (CSD) instead of the type of leave requested. The employee may then designate which future-dated CSD request to cancel.
- (6) Employees may use available CSDs to cover any waiting period that is required as part of a state-paid leave or benefits program for employees, such as childbirth adoption leave or disability leave. For purposes of this rule, a CSD is only "available" for use during a waiting period if the employee's gross pay has been reduced by an amount sufficient to cover the use of the CSD.
- (7) In consultation with the department of administrative services, the secretary of state, auditor of state, treasurer of state, or attorney general may adopt alternative policies regarding the scheduling of CSDs for their employees.
- (E) Overtime. CSDs shall not be included in the definition of active pay status for the purpose of earning overtime or compensatory time for any employee.
- (F) Equalization.
- (1) Except as provided in paragraph (F)(2) of this rule, employees who are prevented by their appointing authority from taking CSDs shall have the appropriate corrections made to their paycheck an the end of each fiscal year.
- (2) Employees shall not be entitled to receive compensation for unused CSDs if they are exempt from overtime compensation and are:

- (a) In pay range 15 or above on the E-1 scale;
- (b) Annually paid \$63,814 or above on the E-2 scale;
- (c) Annually paid \$63,814 or above through their appointing authority's ability to set compensation; or
- (d) working in the governor's office.

(3) Employees who leave state service prior to the equalization of CSDs used and deductions made, or prior to the equalization of holiday pay lost and deductions made, shall have appropriate corrections made to the employee's final paycheck or deducted from the employee's leave balances.

(G) Unpaid leave of absence. Employees who have prescheduled unpaid leave of absences shall use available CSDs prior to going out on the unpaid leave of absence. Employees who are not receiving compensation as a result of an unpaid leave of absence shall not be required to have their gross pay reduced during the pay periods they are out on unpaid leave. Upon their return to work, employees shall use a prorated amount of CSDs equal to 3.076 hours for each pay period remaining in the fiscal year.

(H) Individuals in the directors classification series will not be permitted out of the workplace for CSDs. The appointing authority may designate other individuals who are not permitted out of the workplace for CSDs only with the prior approval of the director of the department of administrative services.

(I) Instead of CSDs, the employees listed in paragraph (H) of this rule will not receive holiday pay for any holiday during each fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010 for a total of 80 hours each year. The employee's gross pay will be reduced by an amount equivalent to 3.076 hours of the employee's total rate of pay each pay period. This provision shall apply to full-time employees listed in paragraph (H) of this rule who are receiving a paid leave benefit, including but not limited to, occupational injury leave, salary continuation, or disability benefits.

(J) Part-time permanent employees will not receive holiday pay for any holiday during each fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2009 and July 1, 2010 for a total of ten days per year. Part-time permanent employees will lose their entire amount of holiday pay each pay period that contains a holiday. Part-time permanent employees will be given credit equivalent to four hours only for the purpose of computing leave accrual and calculating the benefits tier.

(K) Leave accruals and health insurance shall not be impacted for full-time employees who participate in the mandatory cost savings program.

(L) Participation in the mandatory cost savings program will not impact service credit or

the calculation of retention points.

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