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Leave for Arrested Employees

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Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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If a county has a policy that places an employee on leave for any period of time following an arrest of the employee, the county's policy must include a provision requiring restoration of back pay to the employee if the charges are dropped or the employee is found not guilty of the charges. This requirement does not apply if the employee pleads guilty to the charges or enters into a plea agreement on the charges.^[1]

[1] T.C.A. § 7-51-1701.

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