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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 448

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend Senate Bill 448 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section  
5 24-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)  
7 Sec. 24-2. Holidays.

8 (a) Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays,  
9 nor, except as provided in subsection (b) of this Section,  
10 shall teachers or other school employees, other than  
11 noncertificated school employees whose presence is necessary  
12 because of an emergency or for the continued operation and  
13 maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to  
14 work on legal school holidays, which are January 1, New Year's  
15 Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of Dr. Martin  
16 Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President

1 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as  
2 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good Friday; the day designated as  
3 Memorial Day by federal law; July 4, Independence Day; the  
4 first Monday in September, Labor Day; the second Monday in  
5 October, Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the Thursday  
6 in November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25,  
7 Christmas Day. School boards may grant special holidays  
8 whenever in their judgment such action is advisable. No  
9 deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a  
10 school employee on account of any legal or special holiday.

11 (b) A school board or other entity eligible to apply for  
12 waivers and modifications under Section 2-3.25g of this Code is  
13 authorized to hold school or schedule teachers' institutes,  
14 parent-teacher conferences, or staff development on the third  
15 Monday in January (the Birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King,  
16 Jr.); February 12 (the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln);  
17 the first Monday in March (known as Casimir Pulaski's  
18 birthday); the second Monday in October (Columbus Day); and  
19 November 11 (Veterans' Day), provided that:

20 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are  
21 recognized through instructional activities conducted on  
22 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,  
23 on the first school day preceding or following that day;  
24 and

25 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority  
26 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The entity

1 shall provide notice preceding the public hearing to both  
2 educators and parents. The notice shall set forth the time,  
3 date, and place of the hearing, describe the proposal, and  
4 indicate that the entity will take testimony from educators  
5 and parents about the proposal.

6 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified  
7 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,  
8 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays are:  
9 January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed  
10 as a commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the  
11 birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans'  
12 Day), September 11 (September 11th Day of Remembrance), the  
13 school day immediately preceding Veterans' Day (Korean War  
14 Veterans' Day), October 1 (Recycling Day), October 7 (Iraq and  
15 Afghanistan Veterans Remembrance Day), December 7 (Pearl  
16 Harbor Veterans' Day), and any day so appointed by the  
17 President or Governor. School boards may establish  
18 commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment such action  
19 is advisable. School boards shall include instruction relative  
20 to commemorated persons, activities, or events on the  
21 commemorative holiday or at any other time during the school  
22 year and at any point in the curriculum when such instruction  
23 may be deemed appropriate. The State Board of Education shall  
24 prepare and make available to school boards instructional  
25 materials relative to commemorated persons, activities, or  
26 events which may be used by school boards in conjunction with

1 any instruction provided pursuant to this paragraph.

2 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March  
3 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday shall  
4 be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to commemorate and  
5 be reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the City of  
6 Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J. Daley and  
7 the late Mayor Harold Washington. If March 4 falls on a  
8 Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on the  
9 following Monday.

10 (e) A school district must observe all of the following as  
11 cultural or religious holidays if the school board determines  
12 that the school district has a significant population of  
13 students who observe the holiday or if the school district has  
14 a population identified in the most recent United States  
15 decennial census of at least 7.5% of persons who observe the  
16 holiday:

17 (1) Eid al-Fitr.

18 (2) Eid al-Adha.

19 (3) Diwali.

20 (4) Vaisakhi.

21 (5) The first day of Onam or, if the first day falls on  
22 a Saturday or Sunday, the first Monday of Onam.

23 (Source: P.A. 98-156, eff. 8-2-13.)".