

# HB1273



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HB1273

Introduced 1/31/2023, by Rep. Amy Elik and Tony M. McCombie

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/24-2

from Ch. 122, par. 24-2

Amends the School Code. Provides that Constitution Day (September 17) shall also be a commemorative holiday. Effective July 1, 2023.

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STATE MANDATES  
ACT MAY REQUIRE  
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

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  
17 Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be known as  
18 Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good Friday; the day designated  
19 as Memorial Day by federal law; June 19, Juneteenth National  
20 Freedom Day; July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday in  
21 September, Labor Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus  
22 Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the Thursday in November  
23 commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas

1 Day. School boards may grant special holidays whenever in  
2 their judgment such action is advisable. No deduction shall be  
3 made from the time or compensation of a school employee on  
4 account of any legal or special holiday.

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

14 (1) the person or persons honored by the holiday are  
15 recognized through instructional activities conducted on  
16 that day or, if the day is not used for student attendance,  
17 on the first school day preceding or following that day;  
18 and

19 (2) the entity that chooses to exercise this authority  
20 first holds a public hearing about the proposal. The  
21 entity shall provide notice preceding the public hearing  
22 to both educators and parents. The notice shall set forth  
23 the time, date, and place of the hearing, describe the  
24 proposal, and indicate that the entity will take testimony  
25 from educators and parents about the proposal.

26 (c) Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified

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

24 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe  
25 March 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday  
26 shall be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to

1 commemorate and be reminded of the past Chief Executive  
2 Officers of the City of Chicago, and in particular the late  
3 Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold Washington.  
4 If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be  
5 observed on the following Monday.

6 (e) Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to  
7 the contrary, November 3, 2020 shall be a State holiday known  
8 as 2020 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout  
9 the State pursuant to this amendatory Act of the 101st General  
10 Assembly. All government offices, with the exception of  
11 election authorities, shall be closed unless authorized to be  
12 used as a location for election day services or as a polling  
13 place.

14 Notwithstanding any other provision of State law to the  
15 contrary, November 8, 2022 shall be a State holiday known as  
16 2022 General Election Day and shall be observed throughout the  
17 State under Public Act 102-15.

18 (Source: P.A. 101-642, eff. 6-16-20; 102-14, eff. 1-1-22;  
19 102-15, eff. 6-17-21; 102-334, eff. 8-9-21; 102-411, eff.  
20 1-1-22; 102-813, eff. 5-13-22.)

21 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
22 2023.