

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 adding Section  
5 24-3.5 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/24-3.5 new)

7 Sec. 24-3.5. Attendance for federal advocacy work. Any  
8 teacher who is a member of a statewide association  
9 representing teachers and who is elected by the association's  
10 membership to represent the association in federal advocacy  
11 work may spend up to 10 days during a school term representing  
12 the association in federal advocacy work. No deduction of  
13 wages may be made for such absence, and the statewide  
14 association shall reimburse the employing school district for  
15 the cost of the need for a substitute teacher as the result of  
16 the teacher's absence.