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103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 2/9/2023, by Sen. Linda Holmes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/24-2

from Ch. 122, par. 24-2

Amends the Employment of Teachers Article of the School Code. Provides that the provisions regarding Saturdays and holidays specifically apply to educational support personnel.

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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 and educational support personnel shall not
9 be required to teach on Saturdays, nor, except as provided in
10 subsection (b) of this Section, shall teachers, educational
11 support personnel, or other school employees, other than
12 nonlicensed noncertificated school employees whose presence is
13 necessary because of an emergency or for the continued
14 operation and maintenance of school facilities or property, be
15 required to work on legal school holidays, which are January
16 1, New Year's Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of
17 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of
18 President Abraham Lincoln; the first Monday in March (to be
19 known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good Friday; the day
20 designated as Memorial Day by federal law; June 19, Juneteenth
21 National Freedom Day; July 4, Independence Day; the first
22 Monday in September, Labor Day; the second Monday in October,
23 Columbus Day; November 11, Veterans' Day; the Thursday in

1 November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25,
2 Christmas Day. School boards may grant special holidays
3 whenever in their judgment such action is advisable. No
4 deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a
5 school employee, including educational support personnel, on
6 account of any legal or special holiday.

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

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

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

1 from educators and parents about the proposal.

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

25 (d) City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe
26 March 4 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday

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

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

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

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