

1 AN ACT concerning schools.

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  
5 Section 24-6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/24-6) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-6)

7 Sec. 24-6. Sick leave. The school boards of all school  
8 districts, including special charter districts, but not  
9 including school districts in municipalities of 500,000 or  
10 more, shall grant their full-time teachers, and also shall  
11 grant such of their other employees as are eligible to  
12 participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund under  
13 the "600-Hour Standard" established, or under such other  
14 eligibility participation standard as may from time to time  
15 be established, by rules and regulations now or hereafter  
16 promulgated by the Board of that Fund under Section 7-198 of  
17 the Illinois Pension Code, as now or hereafter amended, sick  
18 leave provisions not less in amount than 10 days at full pay  
19 in each school year. If any such teacher or employee does not  
20 use the full amount of annual leave thus allowed, the unused  
21 amount shall be allowed to accumulate to a minimum available  
22 leave of 180 days at full pay, including the leave of the  
23 current year. Sick leave shall be interpreted to mean  
24 personal illness, quarantine at home, ~~or~~ serious illness or  
25 death in the immediate family or household, or birth,  
26 adoption or placement for adoption, or foster care of a  
27 child. The school board may require a physician's  
28 certificate, or if the treatment is by prayer or spiritual  
29 means, that of a spiritual adviser or practitioner of such  
30 person's faith, as a basis for pay during leave after an  
31 absence of 3 days for personal illness, or as it may deem

1 necessary in other cases. If the school board does require a  
2 physician's certificate or a certificate from a spiritual  
3 healer as a basis for pay during leave of less than 3 days,  
4 the school board shall pay, from school funds, the expenses  
5 incurred by the teachers or other employees in obtaining the  
6 certificate.

7 If, by reason of any change in the boundaries of school  
8 districts, or by reason of the creation of a new school  
9 district, the employment of a teacher is transferred to a new  
10 or different board, the accumulated sick leave of such  
11 teacher is not thereby lost, but is transferred to such new  
12 or different district.

13 For purposes of this Section, "immediate family" shall  
14 include parents, spouse, brothers, sisters, children,  
15 grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, brothers-in-law,  
16 sisters-in-law, and legal guardians.

17 (Source: P.A. 86-838.)

18 Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding  
19 Section 8.27 as follows:

20 (30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

21 Sec. 8.27. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6  
22 and 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required  
23 for the implementation of any mandate created by this  
24 amendatory Act of the 93rd General Assembly.

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect on  
26 July 1, 2003.