



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
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**HB0403**

Introduced 1/26/2005, by Rep. Roger L. Eddy

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

105 ILCS 5/24-2

from Ch. 122, par. 24-2

Amends the School Code. Provides that teachers and other school employees are required to work on certain legal school holidays, provided that appropriate instruction is given to students on that day or that day is used for other activities, including without limitation teachers' institutes or parent-teacher conferences. Makes technical changes.

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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. Teachers shall not be required to  
8 teach on Saturdays; nor shall teachers or other school  
9 employees, other than noncertificated school employees whose  
10 presence is necessary because of an emergency or for the  
11 continued operation and maintenance of school facilities or  
12 property, be required to work on legal school holidays, which  
13 are January 1, New Year's Day; the third Monday in January, the  
14 birthday ~~Birthday~~ of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 12,  
15 the birthday ~~Birthday~~ of President Abraham Lincoln; the first  
16 Monday in March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday);  
17 Good Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by federal law;  
18 July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday in September, Labor  
19 Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus Day; November 11,  
20 Veterans' ~~Veteran's~~ Day; the Thursday in November commonly  
21 called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas Day, except  
22 that teachers and other school employees may be required to  
23 work on the third Monday in January, February 12, the first  
24 Monday in March, the second Monday in October, or November 11,  
25 provided that appropriate instruction is given to students on  
26 that day or that day is used for other activities, including  
27 without limitation teachers' institutes or parent-teacher  
28 conferences. School boards may grant special holidays whenever  
29 in their judgment such action is advisable, except that no  
30 school board or board of education may designate or observe as  
31 a special holiday on which teachers or other school employees  
32 are not required to work the days on which general elections

1 for members of the Illinois House of Representatives are held.  
2 No deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a  
3 school employee on account of any legal or special holiday.

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

26 City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March 4  
27 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday shall be  
28 known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to commemorate and be  
29 reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the City of  
30 Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J. Daley and  
31 the late Mayor Harold Washington. If March 4 falls on a  
32 Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on the  
33 following Monday.

34 (Source: P.A. 92-704, eff. 7-19-02.)