

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 3-11 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/3-11) (from Ch. 122, par. 3-11)

7 Sec. 3-11. Institutes or inservice training workshops. In
8 counties of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, the regional
9 superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional,
10 or county institutes, or equivalent professional educational
11 experiences, not more than 4 days annually. Of those 4 days, 2
12 days may be used as a teacher's workshop, when approved by the
13 regional superintendent, up to 2 days may be used for
14 conducting parent-teacher conferences or up to 2 days may be
15 utilized as parental institute days as provided in Section
16 10-22.18d. A school district may use one of its 4 institute
17 days on the last day of the school term. "Institute" or
18 "Professional educational experiences" means any educational
19 gathering, demonstration of methods of instruction, visitation
20 of schools or other institutions or facilities, ~~or~~ sexual abuse
21 and sexual assault awareness seminar, or training in First Aid
22 (which may include cardiopulmonary resuscitation or
23 defibrillator training) held or approved by the regional
24 superintendent and declared by him to be an institute day, or
25 parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence of the State
26 Superintendent of Education, he or she may employ such
27 assistance as is necessary to conduct the institute. Two or
28 more adjoining counties may jointly hold an institute.
29 Institute instruction shall be free to holders of certificates
30 good in the county or counties holding the institute, and to
31 those who have paid an examination fee and failed to receive a
32 certificate.

1 In counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the regional
2 superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional,
3 or county inservice training workshops, or equivalent
4 professional educational experiences, not more than 4 days
5 annually. Of those 4 days, 2 days may be used for conducting
6 parent-teacher conferences and up to 2 days may be utilized as
7 parental institute days as provided in Section 10-22.18d. A
8 school district may use one of those 4 days on the last day of
9 the school term. "Inservice Training Workshops" or
10 "Professional educational experiences" means any educational
11 gathering, demonstration of methods of instruction, visitation
12 of schools or other institutions or facilities, ~~or~~ sexual abuse
13 and sexual assault awareness seminar, or training in First Aid
14 (which may include cardiopulmonary resuscitation or
15 defibrillator training) held or approved by the regional
16 superintendent and declared by him to be an inservice training
17 workshop, or parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence
18 of the State Superintendent of Education, he may employ such
19 assistance as is necessary to conduct the inservice training
20 workshop. With the approval of the regional superintendent, 2
21 or more adjoining districts may jointly hold an inservice
22 training workshop. In addition, with the approval of the
23 regional superintendent, one district may conduct its own
24 inservice training workshop with subject matter consultants
25 requested from the county, State or any State institution of
26 higher learning.

27 Such teachers institutes as referred to in this Section may
28 be held on consecutive or separate days at the option of the
29 regional superintendent having jurisdiction thereof.

30 Whenever reference is made in this Act to "teachers
31 institute", it shall be construed to include the inservice
32 training workshops or equivalent professional educational
33 experiences provided for in this Section.

34 Any institute advisory committee existing on April 1, 1995,
35 is dissolved and the duties and responsibilities of the
36 institute advisory committee are assumed by the regional office

1 of education advisory board.

2 Districts providing inservice training programs shall
3 constitute inservice committees, 1/2 of which shall be
4 teachers, 1/4 school service personnel and 1/4 administrators
5 to establish program content and schedules.

6 The teachers institutes shall include teacher training
7 committed to peer counseling programs and other anti-violence
8 and conflict resolution programs, including without limitation
9 programs for preventing at risk students from committing
10 violent acts.

11 (Source: P.A. 91-491, eff. 8-13-99.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.