



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SB1578

Introduced 2/9/2011, by Sen. Linda Holmes

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/3-11	from Ch. 122, par. 3-11
105 ILCS 5/24-3	from Ch. 122, par. 24-3

Amends the School Code. Provides that of the 4 days annually that a regional superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional, or county institutes, 2 days may be used as a teacher's and educational support personnel workshop (instead of just a teacher's workshop). Provides that the days in any school year spent by educational support personnel during the term time spent in attendance upon a teachers' institute shall be considered time expended in the service of the school district and no deduction of wages shall be made for such attendance. Allows a school board to make a pro-rata deduction from the salary of any educational support personnel who fail or refuse to attend the teachers' institute.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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STATE MANDATES
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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 Sections
5 3-11 and 24-3 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 and educational support
13 personnel workshop, when approved by the regional
14 superintendent, up to 2 days may be used for conducting
15 parent-teacher conferences or up to 2 days may be utilized as
16 parental institute days as provided in Section 10-22.18d. A
17 school district may use one of its 4 institute days on the last
18 day of the school term. "Institute" or "Professional
19 educational experiences" means any educational gathering,
20 demonstration of methods of instruction, visitation of schools
21 or other institutions or facilities, sexual abuse and sexual
22 assault awareness seminar, or training in First Aid (which may
23 include cardiopulmonary resuscitation or defibrillator

1 training) held or approved by the regional superintendent and
2 declared by him to be an institute day, or parent-teacher
3 conferences. With the concurrence of the State Superintendent
4 of Education, he or she may employ such assistance as is
5 necessary to conduct the institute. Two or more adjoining
6 counties may jointly hold an institute. Institute instruction
7 shall be free to holders of certificates good in the county or
8 counties holding the institute, and to those who have paid an
9 examination fee and failed to receive a certificate.

10 In counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the regional
11 superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional,
12 or county inservice training workshops, or equivalent
13 professional educational experiences, not more than 4 days
14 annually. Of those 4 days, 2 days may be used for conducting
15 parent-teacher conferences and up to 2 days may be utilized as
16 parental institute days as provided in Section 10-22.18d. A
17 school district may use one of those 4 days on the last day of
18 the school term. "Inservice Training Workshops" or
19 "Professional educational experiences" means any educational
20 gathering, demonstration of methods of instruction, visitation
21 of schools or other institutions or facilities, sexual abuse
22 and sexual assault awareness seminar, or training in First Aid
23 (which may include cardiopulmonary resuscitation or
24 defibrillator training) held or approved by the regional
25 superintendent and declared by him to be an inservice training
26 workshop, or parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence

1 of the State Superintendent of Education, he may employ such
2 assistance as is necessary to conduct the inservice training
3 workshop. With the approval of the regional superintendent, 2
4 or more adjoining districts may jointly hold an inservice
5 training workshop. In addition, with the approval of the
6 regional superintendent, one district may conduct its own
7 inservice training workshop with subject matter consultants
8 requested from the county, State or any State institution of
9 higher learning.

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

13 Whenever reference is made in this Act to "teachers
14 institute", it shall be construed to include the inservice
15 training workshops or equivalent professional educational
16 experiences provided for in this Section.

17 Any institute advisory committee existing on April 1, 1995,
18 is dissolved and the duties and responsibilities of the
19 institute advisory committee are assumed by the regional office
20 of education advisory board.

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

25 The teachers institutes shall include teacher training
26 committed to (i) peer counseling programs and other

1 anti-violence and conflict resolution programs, including
2 without limitation programs for preventing at risk students
3 from committing violent acts, and (ii) educator ethics and
4 teacher-student conduct. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school
5 year, the teachers institutes shall include instruction on
6 prevalent student chronic health conditions.

7 (Source: P.A. 95-969, eff. 1-1-09; 96-431, eff. 8-13-09.)

8 (105 ILCS 5/24-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-3)

9 Sec. 24-3. Attendance at teachers' institute. The days in
10 any school year spent by a teacher or educational support
11 personnel during the term time spent in attendance upon a
12 teachers' institute or equivalent professional educational
13 experiences held under the direction of the county
14 superintendent of schools shall be considered time expended in
15 the service of the district and no deduction of wages shall be
16 made for such attendance. The board may make a pro-rata
17 deduction from the salary of any teacher or educational support
18 personnel who fail ~~fails~~ or refuse ~~refuses~~ to attend such
19 institute. The boards shall close the schools for county
20 institute.

21 (Source: P.A. 85-697.)