

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.  
17 Educational support personnel may be exempt from a workshop if  
18 (i) the workshop is not relevant to the work they do and (ii)  
19 the workshop is not related to the health and safety of  
20 students. A school district may use one of its 4 institute days  
21 on the last day of the school term. "Institute" or  
22 "Professional educational experiences" means any educational  
23 gathering, demonstration of methods of instruction, visitation

1 of schools or other institutions or facilities, sexual abuse  
2 and sexual assault awareness seminar, or training in First Aid  
3 (which may include cardiopulmonary resuscitation or  
4 defibrillator training) held or approved by the regional  
5 superintendent and declared by him to be an institute day, or  
6 parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence of the State  
7 Superintendent of Education, he or she may employ such  
8 assistance as is necessary to conduct the institute. Two or  
9 more adjoining counties may jointly hold an institute.  
10 Institute instruction shall be free to holders of certificates  
11 good in the county or counties holding the institute, and to  
12 those who have paid an examination fee and failed to receive a  
13 certificate.

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

1 (which may include cardiopulmonary resuscitation or  
2 defibrillator training) held or approved by the regional  
3 superintendent and declared by him to be an inservice training  
4 workshop, or parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence  
5 of the State Superintendent of Education, he may employ such  
6 assistance as is necessary to conduct the inservice training  
7 workshop. With the approval of the regional superintendent, 2  
8 or more adjoining districts may jointly hold an inservice  
9 training workshop. In addition, with the approval of the  
10 regional superintendent, one district may conduct its own  
11 inservice training workshop with subject matter consultants  
12 requested from the county, State or any State institution of  
13 higher learning.

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

17 Whenever reference is made in this Act to "teachers  
18 institute", it shall be construed to include the inservice  
19 training workshops or equivalent professional educational  
20 experiences provided for in this Section.

21 Any institute advisory committee existing on April 1, 1995,  
22 is dissolved and the duties and responsibilities of the  
23 institute advisory committee are assumed by the regional office  
24 of education advisory board.

25 Districts providing inservice training programs shall  
26 constitute inservice committees, 1/2 of which shall be

1 teachers, 1/4 school service personnel and 1/4 administrators  
2 to establish program content and schedules.

3 The teachers institutes shall include teacher training  
4 committed to (i) peer counseling programs and other  
5 anti-violence and conflict resolution programs, including  
6 without limitation programs for preventing at risk students  
7 from committing violent acts, and (ii) educator ethics and  
8 teacher-student conduct. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school  
9 year, the teachers institutes shall include instruction on  
10 prevalent student chronic health conditions.

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

12 (105 ILCS 5/24-3) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-3)

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

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