AN ACT regarding schools.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing Section 24-13 as follows:

(105 ILCS 5/24-13) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-13)

Sec. 24-13. Age or absences not affecting contractual continued service - Teachers replacing teachers in military service or in the General Assembly. The contractual continued service status of a teacher is not affected by his attained age, promotion, absence caused by temporary illness or temporary incapacity as defined by regulations of the employing board, leave of absence mutually agreed upon between the teacher and the board, or because of absence while in the military service of the United States. If a teacher is elected to serve in the General Assembly, the board shall grant him a leave of absence if he so requests. A teacher employed to replace one in the military service of the United States or one serving in the General Assembly does not acquire contractual continued service under this Article. If a teacher is elected to serve as an officer of a state or teacher organization that represents teachers in national collective bargaining negotiations, the board shall grant the teacher, upon written request, a leave (or leaves) of absence of up to 6 years or the period of time the teacher serves as an officer, whichever is longer.

(Source: P.A. 86-478.)

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

(30 ILCS 805/8.27 new)

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