



103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

SB2721

Introduced 1/12/2024, by Sen. Meg Loughran Cappel

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-20.87 new
105 ILCS 5/34-18.85 new

Amends the School Code. Provides that school boards shall allow all educators to have daily continuous uninterrupted individual classroom planning time. Provides that the planning period shall be equal to one class period but no less than 45 minutes in duration. Provides that this time requirement applies to educators who are in contact with students for 50% or more of their contracted workday. Provides that, during this planning period, educators may not be forced to substitute in other areas of the building or district when another educator is absent or a vacancy exists and may not be forced to attend meetings, trainings, or conferences of any kind. Provides that if an educator chooses to substitute or attend a meeting, training, or conference during their guaranteed planning period of their own free will, the educator shall be compensated at a rate of pay that is negotiated between the local board of education and local association of a state teacher association.

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

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 adding Sections
5 10-20.87 and 34-18.85 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-20.87 new)

7 Sec. 10-20.87. Educator planning time. School boards shall
8 allow all educators to have daily continuous uninterrupted
9 individual classroom planning time. The planning period shall
10 be equal to one class period but no less than 45 minutes in
11 duration. This Section applies to educators who are in contact
12 with students for 50% or more of their contracted workday.
13 During this planning period, educators may not be forced to
14 substitute in other areas of the building or district when
15 another educator is absent or a vacancy exists and may not be
16 forced to attend meetings, trainings, or conferences of any
17 kind. If an educator chooses to substitute or attend a
18 meeting, training, or conference during their guaranteed
19 planning period of their own free will, the educator shall be
20 compensated at a rate of pay that is negotiated between the
21 local board of education and local association of a state
22 teacher association.

1 (105 ILCS 5/34-18.85 new)

2 Sec. 34-18.85. Educator planning time. The board shall
3 allow all educators to have daily continuous uninterrupted
4 individual classroom planning time. The planning period shall
5 be equal to one class period but no less than 45 minutes in
6 duration. This Section applies to educators who are in contact
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