

94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2005 and 2006 HB3782

Introduced 2/25/2005, by Rep. Charles E. Jefferson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/3-11

from Ch. 122, par. 3-11

Amends the School Code. In scheduling teachers' institute days, requires that election and primary election days must be used before other days.

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1 AN ACT concerning education.

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 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 counties of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, the regional 8 superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional, 9 or county institutes, or equivalent professional educational 10 experiences, not more than 4 days annually. Of those 4 days, 2 11 days may be used as a teacher's workshop, when approved by the 12 regional superintendent, up to 2 days may be used for 13 14 conducting parent-teacher conferences or up to 2 days may be 15 utilized as parental institute days as provided in Section 10-22.18d. A school district may use one of its 4 institute 16 17 days on the last day of the school term, except that institute days must be scheduled for election and primary election days, 18 19 as established in Section 2A-1.1 of the Election Code, before 20 any other day. "Institute" or "Professional educational experiences" means any educational gathering, demonstration of 21 22 methods of instruction, visitation of schools or other institutions or facilities, or sexual abuse and sexual assault 23 24 awareness seminar held or approved by the 25 superintendent and declared by him to be an institute day, or 26 parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence of the State Superintendent of Education, he or 27 she may employ such 28 assistance as is necessary to conduct the institute. Two or 29 more adjoining counties may jointly hold an institute. 30 Institute instruction shall be free to holders of certificates good in the county or counties holding the institute, and to 31 32 those who have paid an examination fee and failed to receive a

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In counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the regional superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional, county inservice training workshops, or equivalent professional educational experiences, not more than 4 days annually. Of those 4 days, 2 days may be used for conducting parent-teacher conferences and up to 2 days may be utilized as parental institute days as provided in Section 10-22.18d. A school district may use one of those 4 days on the last day of the school term, except that inservice training days must be scheduled for election and primary election days, as established in Section 2A-1.1 of the Election Code, before any other day. "Inservice Training Workshops" or "Professional educational experiences" means any educational gathering, demonstration of methods of instruction, visitation of schools or other institutions or facilities, or sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness seminar held or approved by the regional superintendent and declared by him to be an inservice training workshop, or parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence of the State Superintendent of Education, he may employ such assistance as is necessary to conduct the inservice training workshop. With the approval of the regional superintendent, 2 or more adjoining districts may jointly hold an inservice training workshop. In addition, with the approval of the regional superintendent, one district may conduct its own inservice training workshop with subject matter consultants requested from the county, State or any State institution of higher learning.

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

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

Any institute advisory committee existing on April 1, 1995,

- 1 is dissolved and the duties and responsibilities of the
- 2 institute advisory committee are assumed by the regional office
- 3 of education advisory board.
- 4 Districts providing inservice training programs shall
- 5 constitute inservice committees, 1/2 of which shall be
- 6 teachers, 1/4 school service personnel and 1/4 administrators
- 7 to establish program content and schedules.
- 8 The teachers institutes shall include teacher training
- 9 committed to peer counseling programs and other anti-violence
- and conflict resolution programs, including without limitation
- 11 programs for preventing at risk students from committing
- 12 violent acts.
- 13 (Source: P.A. 91-491, eff. 8-13-99.)