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HB4381

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/24-2

from Ch. 122, par. 24-2

Amends the School Code. Provides that teachers and other school employees may be required to work on certain legal school holidays, provided that appropriate instruction is given to students on that day or that day is used for other activities, including without limitation teachers' institutes or parent-teacher conferences. Makes technical changes.

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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 Section
5 24-2 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)

7 Sec. 24-2. Holidays. Teachers shall not be required to
8 teach on Saturdays; nor shall teachers or other school
9 employees, other than noncertificated school employees whose
10 presence is necessary because of an emergency or for the
11 continued operation and maintenance of school facilities or
12 property, be required to work on legal school holidays, which
13 are January 1, New Year's Day; the third Monday in January, the
14 birthday ~~Birthd~~ay of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 12,
15 the birthday ~~Birthd~~ay of President Abraham Lincoln; the first
16 Monday in March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday);
17 Good Friday; the day designated as Memorial Day by federal law;
18 July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday in September, Labor
19 Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus Day; November 11,
20 Veterans' ~~Veteran's~~ Day; the Thursday in November commonly
21 called Thanksgiving Day; and December 25, Christmas Day, except
22 that teachers and other school employees may be required to
23 work on the third Monday in January, February 12, the first
24 Monday in March, the second Monday in October, or November 11,
25 provided that appropriate instruction is given to students on
26 that day or that day is used for other activities, including
27 without limitation teachers' institutes or parent-teacher
28 conferences. School boards may grant special holidays whenever
29 in their judgment such action is advisable, except that no
30 school board or board of education may designate or observe as
31 a special holiday on which teachers or other school employees
32 are not required to work the days on which general elections

1 for members of the Illinois House of Representatives are held.
2 No deduction shall be made from the time or compensation of a
3 school employee on account of any legal or special holiday.

4 Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified
5 patriotic, civic, cultural or historical persons, activities,
6 or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays are:
7 January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed
8 as a commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the
9 birthday of Susan B. Anthony), March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans'
10 ~~Veterans~~ Day), September 11 (September 11th Day of
11 Remembrance), the school day immediately preceding Veterans'
12 ~~Veteran's~~ Day (Korean War Veterans' ~~Veterans~~ Day), October 1
13 (Recycling Day), December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans' ~~Veterans~~
14 Day) and any day so appointed by the President or Governor.
15 School boards may establish commemorative holidays whenever in
16 their judgment such action is advisable. School boards shall
17 include instruction relative to commemorated persons,
18 activities, or events on the commemorative holiday or at any
19 other time during the school year and at any point in the
20 curriculum when such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The
21 State Board of Education shall prepare and make available to
22 school boards instructional materials relative to commemorated
23 persons, activities, or events which may be used by school
24 boards in conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to
25 this paragraph.

26 City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March 4
27 of each year as a commemorative holiday. This holiday shall be
28 known as Mayors' Day which shall be a day to commemorate and be
29 reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the City of
30 Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J. Daley and
31 the late Mayor Harold Washington. If March 4 falls on a
32 Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on the
33 following Monday.

34 (Source: P.A. 92-704, eff. 7-19-02.)