102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

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Introduced 1/14/2021, by Rep. Mary E. Flowers

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/24-6

Amends the School Code. Provides that for the purposes of calculating paid sick leave for the birth of a child or the adoption or placement for adoption of a child, the days do not have to be taken immediately after the birth of the child or the adoption or placement of the child, the days do not have to be taken consecutively, and the school board may not count any day in which school is not in session, including an extended break.

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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
24-6 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/24-6)

7 Sec. 24-6. Sick leave. The school boards of all school 8 districts, including special charter districts, but not 9 including school districts in municipalities of 500,000 or more, shall grant their full-time teachers, and also shall 10 grant such of their other employees as are eligible to 11 participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund under 12 the "600-Hour Standard" established, or under such other 13 14 eligibility participation standard as may from time to time be established, by rules and regulations now or hereafter 15 16 promulgated by the Board of that Fund under Section 7-198 of 17 the Illinois Pension Code, as now or hereafter amended, sick leave provisions not less in amount than 10 days at full pay in 18 19 each school year. If any such teacher or employee does not use 20 the full amount of annual leave thus allowed, the unused 21 amount shall be allowed to accumulate to a minimum available 22 leave of 180 days at full pay, including the leave of the current year. Sick leave shall be interpreted to mean personal 23

illness, quarantine at home, serious illness or death in the 1 2 immediate family or household, or birth, adoption, or 3 placement for adoption. The school board may require a certificate from a physician licensed in Illinois to practice 4 5 medicine and surgery in all its branches, a chiropractic physician licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987, a 6 licensed advanced practice registered nurse, a licensed 7 8 physician assistant, or, if the treatment is by prayer or 9 spiritual means, a spiritual adviser or practitioner of the 10 teacher's or employee's faith as a basis for pay during leave 11 after an absence of 3 days for personal illness or 30 days for 12 birth or as the school board may deem necessary in other cases. 13 If the school board does require a certificate as a basis for 14 pay during leave of less than 3 days for personal illness, the 15 school board shall pay, from school funds, the expenses 16 incurred by the teachers or other employees in obtaining the 17 certificate. For paid leave for adoption or placement for adoption, the school board may require that the teacher or 18 other employee provide evidence that the formal adoption 19 20 process is underway, and such leave is limited to 30 days unless a longer leave has been negotiated with the exclusive 21 22 bargaining representative.

23 For the purposes of calculating paid sick leave for the 24 birth of a child or the adoption or placement for adoption of a 25 <u>child:</u>

(1) the days do not have to be taken immediately after

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1 the birth of the child or the adoption or placement of the 2 child;

3 (2) the days do not have to be taken consecutively;
4 and

5 (3) the school board may not count any day in which 6 school is not in session, including an extended break.

7 If, by reason of any change in the boundaries of school 8 districts, or by reason of the creation of a new school 9 district, the employment of a teacher is transferred to a new 10 or different board, the accumulated sick leave of such teacher 11 is not thereby lost, but is transferred to such new or 12 different district.

For purposes of this Section, "immediate family" shall include parents, spouse, brothers, sisters, children, grandparents, grandchildren, parents-in-law, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, and legal guardians.

17 (Source: P.A. 99-173, eff. 7-29-15; 100-513, eff. 1-1-18.)