

1 AN ACT with regard to 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
5 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.
8 In counties of less than 2,000,000 inhabitants, the regional
9 superintendent may arrange for or conduct district, regional,
10 or county institutes, or equivalent professional educational
11 experiences, not more than 4 days annually. Of those 4 days,
12 2 days may be used as a teacher's workshop, when approved by
13 the regional superintendent, up to 2 days may be used for
14 conducting parent-teacher conferences or up to 2 days may be
15 utilized as parental institute days as provided in Section
16 10-22.18d. A school district may use one of its 4 institute
17 days on the last day of the school term. "Institute" or
18 "Professional educational experiences" means any educational
19 gathering, demonstration of methods of instruction,
20 visitation of schools or other institutions or facilities, or
21 sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness seminar held or
22 approved by the regional superintendent and declared by him
23 to be an institute day, or parent-teacher conferences. With
24 the concurrence of the State Superintendent of Education, he
25 or she may employ such assistance as is necessary to conduct
26 the institute. Two or more adjoining counties may jointly
27 hold an institute. Institute instruction shall be free to
28 holders of certificates good in the county or counties
29 holding the institute, and to those who have paid an
30 examination fee and failed to receive a certificate.

31 In counties of 2,000,000 or more inhabitants, the

1 regional superintendent may arrange for or conduct district,
2 regional, or county inservice training workshops, or
3 equivalent professional educational experiences, not more
4 than 4 days annually. Of those 4 days, 2 days may be used for
5 conducting parent-teacher conferences and up to 2 days may be
6 utilized as parental institute days as provided in Section
7 10-22.18d. A school district may use one of those 4 days on
8 the last day of the school term. "Inservice Training
9 Workshops" or "Professional educational experiences" means
10 any educational gathering, demonstration of methods of
11 instruction, visitation of schools or other institutions or
12 facilities, or sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness
13 seminar held or approved by the regional superintendent and
14 declared by him to be an inservice training workshop, or
15 parent-teacher conferences. With the concurrence of the
16 State Superintendent of Education, he may employ such
17 assistance as is necessary to conduct the inservice training
18 workshop. With the approval of the regional superintendent,
19 2 or more adjoining districts may jointly hold an inservice
20 training workshop. In addition, with the approval of the
21 regional superintendent, one district may conduct its own
22 inservice training workshop with subject matter consultants
23 requested from the county, State or any State institution of
24 higher learning.

25 Such teachers institutes as referred to in this Section
26 may be held on consecutive or separate days at the option of
27 the regional superintendent having jurisdiction thereof.
28 However, (i) in odd-numbered years, a teachers institute
29 shall be held on the day set aside for the conduct of the
30 consolidated election and on the day set aside for the
31 conduct of the consolidated primary election and (ii) in even
32 numbered years, a teachers institute shall be held on the day
33 set aside for the conduct of the general election. On those
34 teachers institute days held on election days as provided in

1 this paragraph, school buildings shall remain open for the
2 purpose of providing polling places pursuant to Section
3 11-4.1 of the Election Code.

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

8 Any institute advisory committee existing on April 1,
9 1995, is dissolved and the duties and responsibilities of the
10 institute advisory committee are assumed by the regional
11 office of education advisory board.

12 Districts providing inservice training programs shall
13 constitute inservice committees, 1/2 of which shall be
14 teachers, 1/4 school service personnel and 1/4 administrators
15 to establish program content and schedules.

16 The teachers institutes shall include teacher training
17 committed to peer counseling programs and other anti-violence
18 and conflict resolution programs, including without
19 limitation programs for preventing at risk students from
20 committing violent acts.

21 (Source: P.A. 91-491, eff. 8-13-99.)

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.