

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

SENATE BILL NO. 23

BY SENATOR MCMATH

SCHOOLS. Requires school boards to accept certification of illness from a nurse practitioner or physician assistant when employees use leave due to personal illness. (gov sig) (Item #42)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 17:500(B)(1), 1201(A)(2), and 1206(A)(1), relative to sick leave
3 for school employees; to require a teacher, school bus operator, or other school
4 employee to present a certificate from a physician, physician assistant, or nurse
5 practitioner when using more than six days of sick leave for personal illness; to
6 provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

7 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

8 Section 1. R.S. 17:500(B)(1), 1201(A)(2), and 1206(A)(1) are hereby amended and
9 reenacted to read as follows:

10 §500. Sick leave for school bus operators; minimum pay for substitute

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12 B.(1) All school bus operators employed by the parish and the city school
13 boards of this state shall be entitled to and shall be allowed a minimum of ten days
14 absence per school year because of personal illness or because of other emergencies,
15 without loss of pay. Such sick leave when not used in any year shall be accumulated
16 to the credit of the school bus operator without limitation. Provided that when a
17 school bus operator is absent for six or more consecutive days because of personal

1 illness, he shall be required to present a certificate from a physician, **physician**
 2 **assistant providing health care services in accordance with R.S. 37:1360.28, or**
 3 **nurse practitioner providing health care services in accordance with R.S.**
 4 **37:913**, certifying such illness; provided, further, that the parish and city school
 5 boards are authorized to adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary relative
 6 to the use of such sick leave, either current or accumulated, for emergencies. The
 7 parish and city school boards may grant additional sick leave, without loss of pay,
 8 or with such reduction of pay as they may establish and fix.

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10 §1201. Amount of sick leave; reimbursement; injury on the job

11 A. * * *

12 (2) When a member of the teaching staff is absent for six or more
 13 consecutive days because of personal illness, he shall be required to present a
 14 certificate from a physician, **physician assistant providing health care services in**
 15 **accordance with R.S. 37:1360.28, or nurse practitioner providing health care**
 16 **services in accordance with R.S. 37:913**, certifying such illness. Each parish and
 17 city school board may adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary relative to
 18 the use of such sick leave, either current or accumulated, for emergencies. The parish
 19 and city school boards may grant additional sick leave, without loss of pay, or with
 20 such reduction of pay as they may establish and fix.

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22 §1206. Ten days sick leave for employees; cumulation of unused sick leave

23 A.(1) All such employees, as defined in R.S. 17:1205, shall be entitled to and
 24 shall be allowed a minimum of ten days leave of absence as sick leave or in case of
 25 other emergencies, per school year, without loss of pay. Any portion of such sick
 26 leave not used in any year shall be accumulated to the credit of the employee without
 27 limitation. When such employee is absent for six or more consecutive days because
 28 of personal illness, he shall be required to present a certificate from a physician,
 29 **physician assistant providing health care services in accordance with R.S.**

