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SENATE BILL NO. 128

BY SENATORS JACKSON, BARROW, BOUDREAUX, FIELDS AND TARVER Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TEACHERS. Provides relative to teacher planning time and lunch periods. (7/1/22)

1	AN ACT
2	To amend and reenact R.S. 17:434(A), relative to planning time and lunch periods for
3	teachers; to provide for an uninterrupted planning period for teachers; to delete
4	requirements for a duty-free lunch period for teachers; and to provide for related
5	matters.
6	Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:
7	Section 1. R.S. 17:434(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:
8	§434. Planning time and lunch periods for teachers; required
9	A.(1) The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt
10	necessary rules and regulations requiring, beginning with the 2000-2001 school year,
11	each city and parish school board to provide a minimum of forty-five minutes daily
12	uninterrupted planning time, or its weekly equivalent, and a minimum of thirty
13	minutes for lunch each day which shall be duty-free for every teacher actively
14	engaged in the instruction and supervision of students in the public schools.
15	Implementation of planning time and lunch periods as required in this Section for
16	teachers shall not result in a lengthened school day or a reduction in student daily
17	instructional time.

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1	(2) The provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to the availability of
2	state funds for this purpose.
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1	Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022.

The original instrument was prepared by Cheryl Serrett. The following digest, which does not constitute a part of the legislative instrument, was prepared by LG Sullivan.

## DIGEST

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<u>Present law</u> provides that, if state funds are available, each teacher shall be provided a minimum of 45 minutes of planning time and a minimum of 30 minutes for lunch each day which shall be duty-free and provides that the school day shall not be lengthened to accommodate the provision of the planning time and lunch period.

<u>Proposed law</u> deletes the requirement for a duty-free lunch period. Requires each teacher to be provided a minimum of 45 minutes of uninterrupted planning time each day.

<u>Proposed law</u> prohibits a reduction in daily student instructional time to accommodate the provision of the planning time.

<u>Proposed law</u> removes the contingency making implementation subject to the availability of state funds.

Effective July 1, 2022.

(Amends R.S. 17:434(A))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Education to the original bill

- 1. Removes requirement for a duty-free lunch period.
- 2. Provides that the planning time shall be a minimum of 30 to 45 minutes, uninterrupted.
- 3. Prohibits a reduction in daily student instructional time to accommodate the provision of the planning time.
- 4. Changes effective date.

Senate Floor Amendments to engrossed bill

1. Remove authorization for the planning period to be as brief as 30 minutes, retaining present law minimum of 45 minutes.

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