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## DIGEST

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**Abstract:** Extends certain benefits afforded to teachers of public schools who are injured while acting in their official capacity to teachers of schools located in secure care facilities under the jurisdiction of the office of juvenile justice.

Present law provides that any member of the teaching staff of the public schools who is injured or disabled while acting in his official capacity as a result of assault or battery by any student or person shall receive sick leave without reduction in pay and without reduction in accrued sick leave days while disabled as a result of such assault or battery.

Present law provides that a member of the teaching staff of the public schools who while acting in his official capacity is disabled as a result of physical contact with a student while providing physical assistance to a student to prevent danger or risk of injury to the student shall receive sick leave for a period up to one calendar year without reduction in pay and without reduction in accrued sick leave days while disabled as a result of rendering such assistance. Present law further provides that a city, parish, or other local public school board may extend this period beyond one calendar year. In this regard, present law further provides that the school board shall not reduce the pay or accrued sick leave of a member of the teaching staff who is absent from his duties to seek medical attention or treatment as a result of the injury or disability.

Present law provides a procedure by which the school board can confirm the validity of a physician's certification of the teacher's injury or disability.

Present law provides that any member of the teaching staff in the public schools who is injured or disabled while acting in his official capacity shall be entitled to weekly wage benefits under the workers' compensation law of the state of La. and to sick leave benefits under present law, at his option, but in no event shall such benefits exceed the total amount of the regular salary the member of the teaching staff was receiving at the time the injury or disability occurred.

Proposed law retains present law and extends its application to members of the teaching staff at any school in a secure care facility under the jurisdiction of the Dept. of Public Safety and Corrections, office of juvenile justice.

(Amends R.S. 17:1201(C)(1) and (D)(1))