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HOUSE BILL NO. 1128

BY REPRESENTATIVE JEFFERSON

HOLIDAYS: Authorizes higher education employees who are veterans to take paid leave on Veterans' Day to attend certain events

AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 1:55(F), relative to legal holidays; to authorize certain employees 3 to attend Veterans' Day activities and events with compensation; and to provide for 4 related matters. 5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana: 6 Section 1. R.S. 1:55(F) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows: 7 §55. Days of public rest, legal holidays, and half-holidays 8 9 F. Each institution of higher education in the state, through a representative 10 appointed by it, shall designate a maximum of fourteen legal holidays per calendar 11 year to be observed by all of its employees. <u>If the institution does not elect to</u> 12 designate Veterans' Day as one of the fourteen legal holidays to be observed, an employee, who is a veteran as defined in R.S. 29:251.2, shall be allowed to attend 13 14 activities or events related to Veterans' Day with compensation and for no more than 15 four hours, when the designated day for observance by the state is on a regularly 16 scheduled workday.

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DIGEST

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Abstract: Authorizes employees of institutions of higher education who are veterans to attend Veterans' Day related events with pay.

<u>Present law</u> requires each institution of higher education to designate a maximum of 14 legal holidays per calendar year to be observed by its employees.

<u>Proposed law</u> requires the institution to allow employees who are veterans as defined by <u>present law</u> (R.S. 29:251.2) to attend events related to Veterans' Day with compensation for no more than four hours when such activities occur on a regularly scheduled workday.

(Amends R.S. 1:55(F))

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

Committee Amendments Proposed by House Committee on Judiciary to the original bill.

1. Changed the provision which allowed all employees to attend events related to Veteran's Day to allow only employees who are veterans to attend the events.