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LEGISLATIVE BILL 641

Introduced by Day, 49; Blood, 3; Cavanaugh, J., 9; Vargas, 7.

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Committee: Education

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to schools; to amend section 79-8,106, Revised
- 2 Statutes Cumulative Supplement, 2020; to change provisions regarding
- 3 salaries during an epidemic; and to repeal the original section.
- 4 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

- 1 Section 1. Section 79-8,106, Revised Statutes Cumulative Supplement,
- 2 2020, is amended to read:
- 3 79-8,106 (1) In case of epidemic sickness prevailing to such an
- 4 extent that the school or schools in any school district shall be closed,
- 5 teachers <u>and education support professionals</u> shall be paid their usual
- 6 salaries in full for such time as the school or schools shall be closed.
- 7 (2) If an employee of a school district is physically injured by
- 8 another individual who intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly causes
- 9 bodily injury to such employee and such injury occurs within the
- 10 employee's scope of employment in a manner that would be covered by the
- 11 Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, the employee shall receive injury
- 12 leave and be paid their usual salary in full for such time as the
- 13 employee is absent and unable to work as a result of such injury not to
- 14 exceed seven calendar days. Thereafter, the employee shall use workers'
- 15 compensation benefits as necessary and available in accordance with the
- 16 Nebraska Workers' Compensation Act, except that no additional
- 17 compensation shall be paid to an employee for any day for which such
- 18 employee has already been paid for injury leave pursuant to this section.
- 19 (3) Injury leave pursuant to this section shall not count against
- 20 any other leave the employee accrues as a result of working for such
- 21 school district. A school district may require confirmation from a
- 22 physician regarding the causation and the period of time for which an
- 23 employee is unable to work in determining the applicability of injury
- 24 leave, and such school district may withhold injury leave until such
- 25 confirmation is provided.
- Sec. 2. Original section 79-8,106, Revised Statutes Cumulative
- 27 Supplement, 2020, is repealed.