

2021 Regular Session

SENATE BILL NO. 128

BY SENATOR JACKSON

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)

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 17:434(A), relative to planning time and lunch periods for teachers; to provide for an uninterrupted planning period for teachers; to delete requirements for a duty-free lunch period for teachers; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 17:434(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§434. Planning time ~~and lunch periods~~ for teachers; required

A.~~(+)~~ The State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education shall adopt necessary rules and regulations requiring, ~~beginning with the 2000-2001 school year,~~ each city and parish school board to provide a minimum of **thirty to** forty-five minutes daily **uninterrupted** planning time, or its weekly equivalent, ~~and a minimum of thirty minutes for lunch each day which shall be duty-free~~ for every teacher actively engaged in the instruction and supervision of students in the public schools. Implementation of planning time ~~and lunch periods~~ as required in this Section for teachers shall not result in a lengthened school day **or a reduction in student daily instructional time.**

1                   (2) ~~The provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to the availability of~~  
 2                   ~~state funds for this purpose.~~

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4                   Section 2. This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2022.

The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Cheryl Serrett.

DIGEST

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Present law provides that, if state funds are available, each teacher shall be provided a minimum of forty-five minutes of planning time and a minimum of thirty 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.

Proposed law deletes the requirement for a duty-free lunch period and provides the planning period shall be a minimum of thirty to forty-five minutes uninterrupted.

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

Proposed law 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.