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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT “ ” to H.P. 731, L.D. 993, “An Act To Prevent the Spread of Infectious Disease in Schools”

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'An Act To Retroactively Grant Sick Leave Days to Public School Employees Affected by COVID-19'

Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and before the emergency clause and inserting the following:

'Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §13605 is enacted to read:

§13605. School administrative units to grant sick leave to public school employees affected by COVID-19

A school administrative unit shall grant up to 15 sick leave days used by a public school employee affected by the illness caused by infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, referred to in this section as “COVID-19,” in accordance with the following.

1. Requirements. A public school employee who was affected by COVID-19 and used sick leave prior to the effective date of this section is entitled to have sick leave time restored for those days used by that employee up to a maximum of 15 days if the employee:

A. Was subject to a federal, state or local quarantine order related to COVID-19;

B. Had been or was advised by a health care provider to self-quarantine for reasons related to COVID-19;

C. Experienced symptoms of COVID-19 and sought a medical diagnosis;

D. Cared for an individual subject to a federal, state or local quarantine order related to COVID-19; or

E. Is a parent or guardian who provided care for a child whose school or place of child care was closed or unavailable due to precautions related to COVID-19.

6 SUMMARY

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