



— Senate Committee on Labor and Industry —

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SYNOPSIS:

Amends the Public School Code of 1949 to provide for athletic leaves of absence.

SUMMARY:

Provides for athletic leaves of absence for professional employees of an intermediate unit, vocational-technical education institute or technical institute who qualify as a member of a United States team.

Defines "member of a United States team" as any group leader, coach, official, referee or athlete who comprises the official delegation of the United States on the world championship team, Pan American team or Olympic team in a sport sanctioned by the International Olympic Committee.

Provides that the leave of absence may be used to prepare for or engage in the competition but shall not exceed the period of the official training and competition or 90 calendar days a year, whichever is less.

Provides that the employee shall receive his or her regular salary during the athletic leave of absence and shall be considered in regular full-time daily attendance for the purpose of determining length of service and the right to receive increments, as provided by law.

Provides for continued membership in PSERS with continued employer and employee contributions during the athletic leave of absence.

Effective Date: 60 days

BILL HISTORY:

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