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Senate Bill No. 42

(By Mr. Davis of Lewis)

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AN ACT to amend and re-enact section four of article seven of chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one, relating to time lost through closing schools on account of diseases; holidays; school month; special exercises; and making armistice day a school holiday.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four of article seven of chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one be, and the same is hereby amended and re-enacted so as to read as follows:
Section 4. If any school is closed by the proper authorities on account of the prevalence of any contagious or infectious disease, the time during which such school is closed shall be counted as if taught in determining whether a school has been maintained for the minimum term, and the teacher of such school shall not be compelled to make up such lost time: Provided, he held himself in readiness to teach subject to the order of the board.

In making contracts with teachers and other employees of the board, it shall be understood that schools are not to be kept open for instruction on any Saturday or on the following days which are hereby named and designated as school holidays, namely: The fourth of July, commonly called "Independence Day"; the eleventh of November, commonly called "Armistice Day"; the last Thursday of November, commonly called "Thanksgiving Day"; the twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called "Christmas Day"; any day on which a general election is held throughout the state; and any day appointed and set apart by the president or the governor as a day of special observance by the people of the state.

The school month shall consist of twenty days on which school
22 is kept in session for the full number of hours prescribed by law, but in any case where Independence Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, or any day on which a general election is held shall fall on a school day and the school is taught on the day preceding or following, such day shall be counted the same as taught in the report of the teacher for pay for the school month in which it occurs. Schools shall be assembled for instruction on Washington's Birthday and shall devote a portion of the day to exercises commemorating the life and services of the "Father of Our Country." Schools shall be assembled on Armistice Day at the usual time, shall devote not less than one hour to appropriate exercises commemorating the victory of our country and its allies in the world war and the ending of that war, and shall then be dismissed for the day. Schools may also be assembled for instruction on such days as Arbor Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Lincoln's Birthday, Columbus Day and other special days and devote a portion of the day to appropriate ceremonies, but on such special days the school must be kept open for the entire school day to entitle the teacher to pay for that day.

The first day of the year, commonly called New Year's Day,
43 shall be a legal school day; but any board of education or
44 trustees of any school district shall have the right to provide
45 for the observance of the same as a holiday.
The within is approved 3d day of March 1931.

[Signature]

Governor.

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Secretary of State.