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Introduced by Representative Robert Kulavic

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Synopsis as Introduced

(5 ILCS 490/12) (from Ch. 1, par. 3051-12)
(105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)
(205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

Amends the State Commemorative Dates Act to make the Monday after the Super Bowl a Commemorative Day in honor of Walter Payton. Amends the School Code to make Walter Payton Day a state holiday. Amends law to allow financial institutions to close on Walter Payton Day. The official song of the day will be the Chicago Bears Super Bowl Shuffle.

A BILL FOR

1 An Act amending State Holidays.

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3 **Be it enacted by the People of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly.**

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5 (5 ILCS 490/12) (from Ch. 1, par. 3051-12)

6 The first Monday following the National Football League's Super Bowl is designated
7 Walter Payton day, to be observed throughout the state as a day set apart to honor
8 Chicago Bears Super Bowl Champion and Pro Football Hall of Fame recipient. The
9 official song of the day will be the Chicago Bears Super Bowl Shuffle.

10 (Source: P.A. 87-272.)

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12 (105 ILCS 5/24-2) (from Ch. 122, par. 24-2)

13 Sec. 24-2. Holidays. Teachers shall not be required to teach on Saturdays; nor shall
14 teachers or other school employees, other than noncertificated school employees whose
15 presence is necessary because of an emergency or for the continued operation and
16 maintenance of school facilities or property, be required to work on legal school holidays,
17 which are January 1, New Year's Day; The first Monday following the National Football
18 League's Super Bowl, Walter Payton Day; the third Monday in January, the Birthday of
19 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; February 12, the Birthday of President Abraham Lincoln; the
20 first Monday in March (to be known as Casimir Pulaski's birthday); Good Friday; the day
21 designated as Memorial Day by federal law; July 4, Independence Day; the first Monday
22 in September, Labor Day; the second Monday in October, Columbus Day; November 11,
23 Veteran's Day; the Thursday in November commonly called Thanksgiving Day; and
24 December 25, Christmas Day. School boards may grant special holidays whenever in
25 their judgment such action is advisable. No deduction shall be made from the time or
26 compensation of a school employee on account of any legal or special holiday.

27 Commemorative holidays, which recognize specified patriotic, civic, cultural or
28 historical persons, activities, or events, are regular school days. Commemorative holidays
29 are: January 28 (to be known as Christa McAuliffe Day and observed as a
30 commemoration of space exploration), February 15 (the birthday of Susan B. Anthony),
31 March 29 (Viet Nam War Veterans Day), September 11 (September 11th Day of
32 Remembrance), the school day immediately preceding Veteran's Day (Korean War
33 Veterans Day), October 1 (Recycling Day), December 7 (Pearl Harbor Veterans Day) and
34 any day so appointed by the President or Governor. School boards may establish
35 commemorative holidays whenever in their judgment such action is advisable. School
36 boards shall include instruction relative to commemorated persons, activities, or events
37 on the commemorative holiday or at any other time during the school year and at any
38 point in the curriculum when such instruction may be deemed appropriate. The State
39 Board of Education shall prepare and make available to school boards instructional
40 materials relative to commemorated persons, activities, or events which may be used by
41 school boards in conjunction with any instruction provided pursuant to this paragraph.

42 City of Chicago School District 299 shall observe March 4 of each year as a
43 commemorative holiday. This holiday shall be known as Mayors' Day which shall be a
44 day to commemorate and be reminded of the past Chief Executive Officers of the City of
45 Chicago, and in particular the late Mayor Richard J. Daley and the late Mayor Harold
46 Washington. If March 4 falls on a Saturday or Sunday, Mayors' Day shall be observed on

1 the following Monday.

2 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

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4 (205 ILCS 630/17) (from Ch. 17, par. 2201)

5 Sec. 17. Holidays.

6 (a) The following days shall be legal holidays in the State of Illinois upon which day a
7 bank may, but is not required to, remain closed:

8 the first day of January (New Year's Day);

9 the third Monday in January (observance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday);

10 the twelfth day in February (Abraham Lincoln's birthday);

11 the first Monday following the National Football League's Super Bowl (Walter

12 Payton Day);

13 the third Monday in February (Presidents Day);

14 the first Monday in March (observance of Casimir Pulaski's birthday);

15 the Friday preceding Easter Sunday (Good Friday);

16 the last Monday of May (Memorial Day);

17 the fourth day of July (Independence Day);

18 the first Monday in September (Labor Day);

19 the second Monday in October (Columbus Day);

20 the eleventh day of November (Veterans' Day);

21 the fourth Thursday in November (Thanksgiving Day);

22 the twenty-fifth day in December (Christmas Day);

23 the days upon which the general elections for members of the House of

24 Representatives are held, and any day proclaimed by the Governor of this State as a legal
25 holiday. From 12 o'clock noon to 12 o'clock midnight of each Saturday shall be

26 considered a half holiday. In addition to such holidays and half-holidays, a bank may

27 select one day of the week to remain closed, as provided in subsection (b) of this Section.