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Overview

This bill mandates that Minnesota public schools must observe *Veterans Day* in two ways:

- 1) by granting to each staff member who is a veteran a day off work with pay on that holiday; and
- 2) if classes are being held that day, by requiring on that day at least 30 minutes of instruction about the meaning of Veterans Day.

The bill also encourages private employers in Minnesota to honor Veterans Day by granting each veteran a paid day off work on that holiday.

Note:

Veterans Day is an American holiday honoring war veterans. Both a federal and a state holiday in all states, it is celebrated on the same day as Armistice Day or Remembrance Day in other parts of the world, falling on November 11th, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I.

Major hostilities of World War I were formally ended at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918, with the German signing of the Armistice.

Veterans Day has evolved to honor *living veterans* who have served in the military during wartime or peacetime, partially to complement Memorial Day, which primarily honors the dead.

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This holiday is commonly misprinted as *Veteran's Day* or *Veterans' Day* in calendars and advertisements.

(Information source: Wikipedia)

