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**CRYAN BILL ENSURING SICK-LEAVE PAYOUT CAP
EXTENDS TO SCHOOL OFFICIALS CLEARS COMMITTEE**

*Measure Would Clarify 2007 State Law By Specifically Tying School Supers, Others
To \$15,000 Maximum for Unused Sick Leave*

(TRENTON) – Legislation Assemblyman Joseph Cryan sponsored to specifically include school superintendents and other officials under a 2007 law that capped payouts for unused sick leave for state employees was released today by an Assembly committee.

That law caps at \$15,000 the amount that any retiring state or school employee can receive upon retirement for unused sick leave. Cryan’s bill (A-3568) would clarify the law to ensure school superintendents, assistant superintendents, business administrators and other school officers all are specifically listed in the statute.

“There should be absolutely no question that the law covers school officials,” said Cryan (D-Union). “Creatively worded titles are no excuse for paying exorbitant sums to outgoing officials. Now, the wording of the law will match the intent of the law.”

Cryan said the clarification was needed after recent news reports highlighted how several outgoing school administrators throughout the state were receiving outlandish retirement packages.

The bill was released 11-0 by the Assembly Education Committee, which Cryan chairs. It has been scheduled for a Monday vote in the full Assembly.

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