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As a regular paraprofessional (teacher's assistant) at a nearby high school, I urge the legislature to pass bill 242 to include teacher assistants (29-9041) within the CT Public Act 11-52 (sick leave act for service workers).

PA 11-52 originally included 68 service positions such as bus drivers, mail clerks, crossing guards, security guards and child care workers. Educational paraprofessionals also perform a vital service to our community, namely our children. On a daily basis I interact with teachers and assist them with helping their students achieve academic success. I am proud of the service paraprofessionals provide to the educational community and believe we should be included in the sick leave act. As of today, I receive no pay for days not worked due to illness despite the fact that I have been employed since 2006 as a paraprofessional.

This is the definition of my job as told to me by my Human Resources representative:

25-9041 Teacher Assistants

Perform duties that are instructional in nature and/or deliver direct services to students or parents. Serve in a position for which a teacher has ultimate responsibility for the design and implementation of educational programs and services. Excludes "Graduate Teaching Assistants" (25-1191).

It is clear from the definition that we do in fact provide a service and therefore should be included in PA 11-52. Thank you for your consideration.

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