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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 21(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES PEGGY WILSON, TAMMIE WILSON, AND KREISS-TOMKINS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to school terms; relating to years of service for teachers' retirement;
2 and providing for an effective date."

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.030 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.030. School term.** A school term begins and ends on the dates fixed
6 by the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less than
7 180 days in session unless, with the approval of the commissioner,

8 (1) a day used for in-service training of teachers is substituted for a day
9 in session, up to a maximum of 10 days;

10 (2) an "emergency closure day" is substituted for a day in session
11 because of conditions posing a threat to the health or safety of students; or

12 (3) the school board adopts an alternate [A DIFFERENT] school term
13 that includes at least 740 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in
14 kindergarten, first grade, second grade, and third grade and at least 900 hours of

instruction and study periods for pupils in grades four through 12; if an alternate school term is less than 172 days in session, the school board shall follow the procedures in (b) of this section [IF THE COMMISSIONER FINDS THAT THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS SUBMITTED AN ACCEPTABLE PLAN UNDER WHICH STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE APPROXIMATE EDUCATIONAL EQUIVALENT OF A 180-DAY TERM].

* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.030 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

(b) Before a school board may adopt an alternate school term under (a)(3) of this section that is less than 172 days in session, the school board shall first demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the commissioner, that

(1) the students enrolled in the district will receive at least the minimum hours of instruction and study periods required under (a)(3) of this section;

(2) the school board has involved affected students, teachers, and the community in requesting an alternate school term that is less than 172 days in session; and

(3) public comment on the alternate school term demonstrates majority support for the alternate school term.

(c) Notwithstanding AS 39.35.300, the definition of "school year" in AS 14.25.590, and the definitions of "year of service" in AS 14.25.220 and 14.25.590, a teacher or noncertificated employee of a school district for an alternate school term of less than 172 days under (b) of this section who has elected to have the employee's years of public employees' retirement system service determined using the table of service in AS 14.25.220 shall have the years of service for the alternate school term of less than 172 days determined as follows:

- (1) less than 15 days, no credit;
- (2) 15 days or more but less than 30 days, 0.1 years;
- (3) 30 days or more but less than 45 days, 0.2 years;
- (4) 45 days or more but less than 60 days, 0.3 years;
- (5) 60 days or more but less than 75 days, 0.4 years;
- (6) 75 days or more but less than 90 days, 0.5 years;
- (7) 90 days or more but less than 105 days, 0.6 years;

1 (8) 105 days or more but less than 120 days, 0.7 years;

2 (9) 120 days or more but less than 135 days, 0.8 years;

3 (10) 135 days or more but less than 150 days, 0.9 years;

4 (11) 150 days or more, 1.0 years.

5 (d) Part-time service of half time or more that is performed by an employee
6 whose year of service is determined under (c) of this section shall be credited in
7 proportion to the amount of credit that would have been received for service
8 performed on a full-time basis.

9 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2014.