

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 178()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): SENATOR BJORKMAN

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to school terms."

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

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

4 **Sec. 14.03.030. School term.** A school term begins and ends on the dates fixed
5 by the governing body of a school district. A school term may not begin before the
6 first Tuesday in September, except that the commissioner may approve an earlier
7 start date if the date is within the seven days before the first Tuesday in
8 September. A school term shall include not less than 180 days in session unless, with
9 the approval of the commissioner,

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

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

14 (3) the school board adopts a different school term that includes at
15 least 740 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in kindergarten, first grade,

1 second grade, and third grade and at least 900 hours of instruction and study periods
2 for pupils in grades four through 12 if the commissioner finds that the school board
3 has submitted an acceptable plan under which students will receive the approximate
4 educational equivalent of a 180-day term; **a school term adopted under this**
paragraph may start on any date approved by the commissioner.

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6 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
7 read:

8 APPLICABILITY. This Act applies to a contract or collective bargaining agreement
9 that becomes legally binding on or after the effective date of this Act.