

SENATE BILL NO. 178

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR BJORKMAN

Introduced: 1/16/24

Referred: Education

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.** A school term shall include not less than 180 days in
7 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 a different school term that includes at
13 least 740 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in kindergarten, first grade,
14 second grade, and third grade and at least 900 hours of instruction and study periods
15 for pupils in grades four through 12 if the commissioner finds that the school board

1 has submitted an acceptable plan under which students will receive the approximate
2 educational equivalent of a 180-day term.

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

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