



LAWS OF ALASKA

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CSSB 239(HES) am

Chapter No.

AN ACT

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

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2 an effective date.

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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
6 fixed by the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less
7 than 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) [A SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS A SCHOOL TERM OF NOT
13 LESS THAN 150 DAYS FOR A SCHOOL IF THE COMMISSIONER FINDS
14 THAT

1 (A) THE SHORTER TERM IS NECESSARY FOR
2 ABATING HEALTH HAZARDS IN THE SCHOOL; AND

3 (B) THE SCHOOL BOARD HAS SUBMITTED AN
4 ACCEPTABLE PLAN UNDER WHICH STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE
5 APPROXIMATE EDUCATIONAL EQUIVALENT OF A 180-DAY TERM;
6 OR

7 (4)] the school board adopts a **different** school term **that includes at**
8 **least 740 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in kindergarten, first**
9 **grade, second grade, and third grade and at least 900 hours of instruction and**
10 **study periods for pupils in grades four through 12** [OF NOT LESS THAN 170
11 DAYS FOR A SCHOOL] if the commissioner finds that the school board has
12 submitted an acceptable plan under which students will receive the approximate
13 educational equivalent of a 180-day term.

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

16 RETROACTIVITY. Section 1 of this Act is retroactive to July 1, 2003.

17 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).