

**HOUSE BILL NO. 390**

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

**BY REPRESENTATIVE GATTO**

**Introduced: 1/20/04**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Health, Education and Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the required number of days in a school year."**

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  
5 fixed by the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less  
6 than 180 days in session [,] unless, with the approval of the commissioner,

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

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

11 (3) a school board adopts a school term of not less than 150 days for a  
12 school if the commissioner finds that

13 (A) the shorter term is necessary for abating health hazards in  
14 the school; and

15 (B) the school board has submitted an acceptable plan under

1 which students will receive the approximate educational equivalent of a 180-  
2 day term; or

3 (4) the school board adopts a **different** school term [OF NOT LESS  
4 THAN 170 DAYS] for a school if the commissioner finds that

5 **(A)** the school board has submitted an acceptable plan under  
6 which students will receive the approximate educational equivalent of a 180-  
7 day term; **and**

8 **(B) under the plan submitted, school employees will receive**  
9 **the approximate equivalent hourly wage of an employee in a school with a**  
10 **180-day term.**