

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 390(EDU)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Offered: 2/18/04

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE GATTO

**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 than  
4                   **144** [170] days for a school if the commissioner finds that the school board has  
5                   submitted an acceptable plan under which students will receive the approximate  
6                   educational equivalent of a 180-day term.