

SENATE BILL NO. 239

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

BY SENATOR DYSON

Introduced: 1/12/04

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

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.**