

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 239(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 2/27/04

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR DYSON

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; **or**

11 (3) [A SCHOOL BOARD ADOPTS A SCHOOL TERM OF NOT
12 LESS THAN 150 DAYS FOR A SCHOOL IF THE COMMISSIONER FINDS
13 THAT

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

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

5 (4)] the school board adopts a **different** school term of not less
6 than **144** [170] days for a school if the commissioner finds that the school
7 board has submitted an acceptable plan under which students will receive the
8 approximate educational equivalent of a 180-day term.