

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 239(HES) am**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Amended: 4/27/04

Offered: 2/27/04

Sponsor(s): SENATOR DYSON

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to the required number of days or hours in session in a school year;  
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

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

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

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

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