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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

2 SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 859

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to school terms and school attendance."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 * Section 1. AS 14.03.030 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 14.03.030. SCHOOL TERM. The school term begins and ends on
10 the dates fixed by the governing body of the school district. However,
11 the term shall include not less than 180 days in session, except that,
12 subject to the approval of the commissioner, a day used for in-service
13 training of teachers may be substituted for a day in session, up to a
14 maximum of 10 days. The commissioner may approve a school schedule
15 adopted by a school board for a school term of less than 180 days in
16 session if the total hours devoted to instruction of pupils or to study
17 periods for the pupils under the schedule equal or exceed at least 680
18 hours, exclusive of intermissions and in-service training of teachers,
19 for the first, second and third grades and at least 850 hours, exclusive
20 of intermissions and in-service training of teachers, for all other
21 grades.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 14.03.040 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 14.03.040. DAY IN SESSION. Each day within the school term
24 is a day in session except Saturdays, Sundays, and days designated as
25 holidays by or according to sec. 50 of this chapter. A school board may
26 approve Saturdays as a day in session. The day in session in every
27 school shall be at least four hours long, exclusive of intermissions,
28 for the first, second, and third grades and five hours, exclusive of
29 intermissions, for all other grades. The commissioner may approve a

1 shorter day in session for any grade. The period of the day in session
2 shall be devoted to the instruction of pupils or to study periods for
3 the pupils.

4 * Sec. 3. AS 14.30.010(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

5 (10) is equally well-served by an educational experience
6 approved by the school board as serving his educational interests de-
7 spite an absence from school, the request for excuse is made in writing
8 by his parents or guardian, and approved by the principal or administra-
9 tor of the school he attends.

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