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1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 HOUSE BILL NO. 495

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the length of the school term for
7 public schools in the state; and providing for an
8 effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

11 (1) education is of vital importance to the people of the state
12 and every resident of the state should receive a sound basic education;

13 (2) recognizing the importance of education, many societies
14 require school terms which are much longer than the school term required in
15 the state;

16 (3) our failure to use school facilities throughout the year is
17 inefficient and wasteful of educational opportunities for students;

18 (4) additional costs for a longer school term in the state would
19 be minimal because the necessary facilities are available and teacher costs
20 would not increase because teachers are already paid for a full year whether
21 they work a full year or not.

22 * Sec. 2. AS 14.03.030 is amended to read:

23 Sec. 14.03.030. SCHOOL TERM. The school term begins and ends on
24 the dates fixed by the governing body of the school district. However,
25 the term shall include not less than 210 [180] days in session, except
26 that, subject to the approval of the commissioner, a day used for
27 in-service training of teachers may be substituted for a day in session,
28 up to a maximum of 10 days.

29 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1981.