

HOUSE CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 132 (FINANCE)
IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/16/91

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): SENATOR FISCHER

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the school term; and providing for an effective date."

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

3 * Section 1. INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that this Act

4 (1) provide flexibility to schools in pursuing educational excellence;

5 (2) allow alteration of the existing 180-day school term in situations where instructional
6 time is increased or the quality of education is enhanced; and

7 (3) not be used as a justification for restructuring school district educational programs,
8 assuming that lower costs result from implementing changes in the school term.

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

10 Sec. 14.03.030. SCHOOL TERM. A school term begins and ends on the dates fixed by
11 the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less than 180 days in
12 session, unless [EXCEPT THAT], with the approval of the commissioner,

13 (1) a day used for in-service training of teachers is [MAY BE] substituted for a
14 day in session, up to a maximum of 10 days;

1 (2) an "emergency closure day" is [MAY BE] substituted for a day in session
2 because of conditions posing a threat to the health or safety of students; or [AND]

3 (3) a school board adopts [MAY ADOPT] a school term of not less than 150
4 days for abating asbestos health hazards in the school, or not less than 160 days for other
5 purposes, and [A SCHOOL IF] the commissioner finds that

6 (A) the shorter term is necessary; [FOR ABATING ASBESTOS HEALTH
7 HAZARDS IN THE SCHOOL; AND]

8 (B) the school board has submitted an acceptable plan under which
9 students will receive the [APPROXIMATE EDUCATIONAL] equivalent hours of
10 instructional time contained in [OF] a 180-day term; and

11 (C) the school board has exhausted other remedies that would have
12 allowed retention of a 180-day school term.

13 * Sec. 3. AS 14.03.030 is repealed and reenacted to read:

14 Sec. 14.03.030. SCHOOL TERM. A school term begins and ends on the dates fixed by
15 the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less than 180 days in
16 session, unless with the approval of the commissioner,

17 (1) a day used for in-service training of teachers is substituted for a day in
18 session, up to a maximum of 10 days;

19 (2) an "emergency closure day" is substituted for a day in session because of
20 conditions posing a threat to the health or safety of students; or

21 (3) a school board adopts a school term of not less than 150 days for a school if
22 the commissioner finds that

23 (A) the shorter term is necessary for abating asbestos health hazards in the
24 school; and

25 (B) the school board has submitted an acceptable plan under which
26 students will receive the approximate educational equivalent of a 180-day term.

27 * Sec. 4. Section 3 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1994.