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AN ACT

Relating to the school term; and providing for an effective date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 AS 14.03.030 is repealed and reenacted to read:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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