

1 AN ACT regarding schools.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by changing
5 Section 10-19 as follows:

6 (105 ILCS 5/10-19) (from Ch. 122, par. 10-19)

7 Sec. 10-19. Length of school term - experimental
8 programs. Each school board shall annually prepare a calendar
9 for the school term, specifying the opening and closing dates
10 and providing a minimum term of at least 185 days to ensure
11 ~~insure~~ 176 days of actual pupil attendance, computable under
12 Section 18-8.05, except that for the 1980-1981 school year
13 only 175 days of actual pupil attendance shall be required
14 because of the closing of schools pursuant to Section 24-2 on
15 January 29, 1981 upon the appointment by the President of
16 that day as a day of thanksgiving for the freedom of the
17 Americans who had been held hostage in Iran. Any days allowed
18 by law for teachers' institute but not used as such or used
19 as parental institutes as provided in Section 10-22.18d shall
20 increase the minimum term by the school days not so used.
21 Except as provided in Section 10-19.1, the board may not
22 extend the school term beyond such closing date unless that
23 extension of term is necessary to provide the minimum number
24 of computable days. In case of such necessary extension
25 school employees shall be paid for such additional time on
26 the basis of their regular contracts. A school board may
27 specify a closing date earlier than that set on the annual
28 calendar when the schools of the district have provided the
29 minimum number of computable days under this Section. Nothing
30 in this Section prevents the board from employing
31 superintendents of schools, principals and other nonteaching

1 personnel for a period of 12 months, or in the case of
2 superintendents for a period in accordance with Section
3 10-23.8, or prevents the board from employing other personnel
4 before or after the regular school term with payment of
5 salary proportionate to that received for comparable work
6 during the school term.

7 A school board may make such changes in its calendar for
8 the school term as may be required by any changes in the
9 legal school holidays prescribed in Section 24-2. A school
10 board may make changes in its calendar for the school term as
11 may be necessary to reflect the utilization of teachers'
12 institute days as parental institute days as provided in
13 Section 10-22.18d.

14 With the prior approval of the State Board of Education
15 and subject to review by the State Board of Education every 3
16 years, any school board may, by resolution of its board and
17 in agreement with affected exclusive collective bargaining
18 agents, establish experimental educational programs,
19 including but not limited to programs for self-directed
20 learning or outside of formal class periods, which programs
21 when so approved shall be considered to comply with the
22 requirements of this Section as respects numbers of days of
23 actual pupil attendance and with the other requirements of
24 this Act as respects courses of instruction.

25 (Source: P.A. 91-96, eff. 7-9-99.)