

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.)