

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

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