



93RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-19

from Ch. 122, par. 10-19

Amends the School Code. Makes a technical change in a Section concerning the length of a school term.

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

1 Section 10-23.8, or prevents the board from employing other
2 personnel before or after the regular school term with payment
3 of salary proportionate to that received for comparable work
4 during the school term.

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

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

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