

SB0855



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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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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning education.

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 ~~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, except that for the 1980-1981 school year only 175
13 days of actual pupil attendance shall be required because of
14 the closing of schools pursuant to Section 24-2 on January 29,
15 1981 upon the appointment by the President of that day as a day
16 of thanksgiving for the freedom of the Americans who had been
17 held hostage in Iran. Any days allowed by law for teachers'
18 institute but not used as such or used as parental institutes
19 as provided in Section 10-22.18d shall increase the minimum
20 term by the school days not so used. Except as provided in
21 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

1 case of such necessary extension school employees shall be paid
2 for such additional time on the basis of their regular
3 contracts. A school board may specify a closing date earlier
4 than that set on the annual calendar when the schools of the
5 district have provided the minimum number of computable days
6 under this Section. Nothing in this Section prevents the board
7 from employing superintendents of schools, principals and
8 other nonteaching personnel for a period of 12 months, or in
9 the case of superintendents for a period in accordance with
10 Section 10-23.8, or prevents the board from employing other
11 personnel before or after the regular school term with payment
12 of salary proportionate to that received for comparable work
13 during the school term.

14 A school board may make such changes in its calendar for
15 the school term as may be required by any changes in the legal
16 school holidays prescribed in Section 24-2. A school board may
17 make changes in its calendar for the school term as may be
18 necessary to reflect the utilization of teachers' institute
19 days as parental institute days as provided in Section
20 10-22.18d.

21 The calendar for the school term and any changes must be
22 submitted to and approved by the regional superintendent of
23 schools before the calendar or changes may take effect.

24 With the prior approval of the State Board of Education and
25 subject to review by the State Board of Education every 3
26 years, any school board may, by resolution of its board and in

1 agreement with affected exclusive collective bargaining
2 agents, establish experimental educational programs, including
3 but not limited to programs for self-directed learning or
4 outside of formal class periods, which programs when so
5 approved shall be considered to comply with the requirements of
6 this Section as respects numbers of days of actual pupil
7 attendance and with the other requirements of this Act as
8 respects courses of instruction.

9 (Source: P.A. 93-1036, eff. 9-14-04.)