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AN ACT regarding schools.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,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)

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

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

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

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

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

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