

**HOUSE BILL NO. 204**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPHSON

Introduced: 4/17/15

Referred:

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act extending the school term; and providing for an effective date."**

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.03.030 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 14.03.030. School term.** A school term begins and ends on the dates fixed  
5 by the governing body of a school district. A school term shall include not less than  
6 **190** [180] days in session unless, with the approval of the commissioner,

7 (1) a day used for in-service training of teachers is substituted for a day  
8 in session, up to a maximum of 10 days;

9 (2) an "emergency closure day" is substituted for a day in session  
10 because of conditions posing a threat to the health or safety of students; or

11 (3) the school board adopts a different school term that includes at  
12 least **780** [740] hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in kindergarten **and**  
13 [,] first grade [, SECOND GRADE, AND THIRD GRADE] and at least **1,000** [900]  
14 hours of instruction and study periods for pupils in grades **two** [FOUR] through 12 if  
15 the commissioner finds that the school board has submitted an acceptable plan under

1 which students will receive the approximate educational equivalent of a **190-day** [180-  
2 DAY] term.

3 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.45.110(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) A religious or other private school that elects to comply with AS 14.45.100  
5 - 14.45.130 shall maintain monthly attendance records for each student enrolled in the  
6 school, shall operate on a regular schedule, excluding reasonable holidays and  
7 vacations, during at least **190** [180] days of the year, shall make an annual report to the  
8 commissioner of the number of students in each grade and the school calendar, and  
9 shall comply with the provisions concerning missing children under AS 14.30.700 -  
10 14.30.720.

11 \* **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
12 read:

13 **APPLICABILITY; SCHOOL TERM.** AS 14.03.030, as amended by sec. 1 of this Act,  
14 and AS 14.45.110(b), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, apply to collective bargaining  
15 agreements and school employment contracts that take effect after June 30, 2018.

16 \* **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2018.