



## 104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

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HB2407

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#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-19

from Ch. 122, par. 10-19

Amends the School Code. Removes language that provides that remote learning days and blended remote learning days established under certain provisions of the School Code shall be deemed pupil attendance days for calculation of the length of a school term. Instead, provides that remote learning days may not be deemed pupil attendance days for calculation of the length of a school term unless established under those provisions of the School Code.

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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 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 10-19.05, 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 institutes 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  
2 paid 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. Up ~~Remote learning days, blended~~  
14 ~~remote learning days, and up~~ to 5 remote and blended remote  
15 learning planning days established under Section 10-30 or  
16 34-18.66 shall be deemed pupil attendance days for calculation  
17 of the length of a school term under this Section. Unless  
18 established under Section 10-30 or 34-18.66, remote learning  
19 days may not be deemed pupil attendance days for calculation  
20 of the length of a school term.

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

1 10-22.18d.

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

5 With the prior approval of the State Board of Education  
6 and subject to review by the State Board of Education every 3  
7 years, any school board may, by resolution of its board and in  
8 agreement with affected exclusive collective bargaining  
9 agents, establish experimental educational programs, including  
10 but not limited to programs for e-learning days as authorized  
11 under Section 10-20.56 of this Code, self-directed learning,  
12 or outside of formal class periods, which programs when so  
13 approved shall be considered to comply with the requirements  
14 of this Section as respects numbers of days of actual pupil  
15 attendance and with the other requirements of this Act as  
16 respects courses of instruction.

17 (Source: P.A. 100-465, eff. 8-31-17; 101-12, eff. 7-1-19;  
18 101-643, eff. 6-18-20.)