



## 101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2019 and 2020

**HB4560**

Introduced 2/5/2020, by Rep. Mark Batinick

#### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

105 ILCS 5/10-19

from Ch. 122, par. 10-19

Amends the School Code. With respect to the calendar for the school term, provides that in any school district in which all of its schools have received either an exemplary or commendable summative designation by the State Board of Education under this State's federal Every Student Succeeds Act plan, the school board may substitute the required 176 days of actual pupil attendance with 968 clock hours of school work and the 968 clock hours of school work shall be deemed to be the equivalent of 176 days of actual pupil attendance for all purposes under the Code. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 (a) Each school board shall annually prepare a calendar for  
9 the 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 in any school district in which all of  
13 its schools have received either an exemplary or commendable  
14 summative designation by the State Board of Education under  
15 this State's federal Every Student Succeeds Act plan, the board  
16 may substitute the required 176 days of actual pupil attendance  
17 with 968 clock hours of school work and the 968 clock hours of  
18 school work shall be deemed to be the equivalent of 176 days of  
19 actual pupil attendance for all purposes under this Code ~~for~~  
20 the 1980-1981 school year only 175 days of actual pupil  
21 attendance shall be required because of the closing of schools  
22 pursuant to Section 24-2 on January 29, 1981 upon the  
23 appointment by the President of that day as a day of

1 ~~thanksgiving for the freedom of the Americans who had been held~~  
2 ~~hostage in Iran.~~ Any days allowed by law for teachers'  
3 institutes but not used as such or used as parental institutes  
4 as provided in Section 10-22.18d shall increase the minimum  
5 term by the school days not so used. Except as provided in  
6 Section 10-19.1, the board may not extend the school term  
7 beyond such closing date unless that extension of term is  
8 necessary to provide the minimum number of computable days. In  
9 case of such necessary extension school employees shall be paid  
10 for such additional time on the basis of their regular  
11 contracts. A school board may specify a closing date earlier  
12 than that set on the annual calendar when the schools of the  
13 district have provided the minimum number of computable days  
14 under this Section. Nothing in this Section prevents the board  
15 from employing superintendents of schools, principals and  
16 other nonteaching personnel for a period of 12 months, or in  
17 the case of superintendents for a period in accordance with  
18 Section 10-23.8, or prevents the board from employing other  
19 personnel before or after the regular school term with payment  
20 of salary proportionate to that received for comparable work  
21 during the school term.

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

1 institute days as parental institute days as provided in  
2 Section 10-22.18d.

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

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

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

19 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
20 becoming law.