



**94TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
**State of Illinois**  
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**HB3112**

Introduced 2/22/2005, by Rep. Tom Cross

**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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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 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  
24 case of such necessary extension school employees shall be paid  
25 for such additional time on the basis of their regular  
26 contracts. A school board may specify a closing date earlier  
27 than that set on the annual calendar when the schools of the  
28 district have provided the minimum number of computable days  
29 under this Section. Nothing in this Section prevents the board  
30 from employing superintendents of schools, principals and  
31 other nonteaching personnel for a period of 12 months, or in  
32 the case of superintendents for a period in accordance with

1 Section 10-23.8, or prevents the board from employing other  
2 personnel before or after the regular school term with payment  
3 of salary proportionate to that received for comparable work  
4 during the school term.

5 A school board may make such changes in its calendar for  
6 the school term as may be required by any changes in the legal  
7 school holidays prescribed in Section 24-2. A school board may  
8 make changes in its calendar for the school term as may be  
9 necessary to reflect the utilization of teachers' institute  
10 days as parental institute days as provided in Section  
11 10-22.18d.

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

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

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