

HOUSE BILL NO. 253

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE DYSON

Introduced: 5/19/99

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing a school disciplinary and safety program; and providing for
2 an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 2. Required School Disciplinary and Safety Program.**

6 **Sec. 14.33.100. Required disciplinary and safety program.** (a) Each
7 governing body shall adopt a written district student disciplinary and safety program.
8 A disciplinary and safety program adopted by a governing body must include the
9 following:

- 10 (1) conflict resolution procedures;
- 11 (2) standards for student behavior; in developing the student behavior
12 standards, the governing body shall use a process that allows for community
13 suggestions, review, and revision of the standards;
- 14 (3) procedures to notify teachers of dangerous students consistent with

1 AS 47.12.310(b);

2 (4) policies for maintaining a safe school environment conducive to
3 learning;

4 (5) policies for removing or suspending a student for disruptive
5 behavior or behavior described under AS 14.30.045(1) or (2);

6 (6) procedures for enforcing school discipline; and

7 (7) disaster and emergency procedures.

8 (b) A governing body shall give each teacher authority to suspend a student
9 for up to one day for disruptive behavior or for behavior described under
10 AS 14.30.045(1) or (2).

11 (c) If the same student is suspended more than three times in a semester, the
12 school principal shall create a discipline team that includes the student's teacher, the
13 student's parent or guardian, a school counselor, a district counselor or psychologist,
14 the school principal or the principal's designee, a representative of the school's parent-
15 teacher association, and the student. The discipline team shall design a behavioral
16 intervention plan to reduce the student's disruptive behavior. The student's teacher
17 and the school principal shall jointly monitor the plan, and a plan may be modified if
18 the student displays continuing disruptive behavior. A student participating in a
19 discipline plan may nevertheless be removed or suspended from school.

20 (d) A principal or other school official who

21 (1) receives information about a student under AS 47.12.310(b) or (c)
22 that may affect the safety of students or staff shall notify the student's teacher and
23 school administrator; and

24 (2) observes a student committing a crime shall report the crime to the
25 local law enforcement agency; in this paragraph, "crime" has the meaning given in
26 AS 11.81.900.

27 * **Sec. 2.** TRANSITION. A school district or a regional educational attendance area shall
28 adopt the initial student disciplinary and safety program required by AS 14.33.100, enacted
29 in sec. 1 of this Act, by January 1, 2000.

30 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1999.