

HOUSE BILL NO. 369

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 3/28/12
Referred: Education

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to student participation in sports."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.30.142(d) is amended to read:

4 (d) A student who has been removed from participation in a practice or game
5 for suspicion of concussion may not return to participation in practice or game play
6 until the student has been evaluated and cleared for participation in writing by a
7 qualified person who has received training [AND IS CURRENTLY CERTIFIED, AS
8 VERIFIED IN WRITING OR ELECTRONICALLY BY THE QUALIFIED
9 PERSON,] in the evaluation and management of concussions. In this subsection,
10 "qualified person" means either a

11 (1) health care provider who is licensed in the state or exempt from
12 licensure under state law; or

13 (2) person who is acting at the direction and under the supervision of a
14 physician who is licensed in the state or exempt from licensure under
15 AS 08.64.370(1), (2), or (4).

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 **Sec. 14.30.365. Interscholastic athletics; eligibility.** (a) A student who is
3 enrolled full time in an alternative education program that is located entirely in the
4 state and that does not offer interscholastic sports is eligible to participate in any
5 interscholastic sports program available in the public school that the student would be
6 eligible, based on the residence of the parent or legal guardian of the student, to attend
7 if the student were not enrolled in an alternative education program if the student

8 (1) is otherwise eligible to participate in interscholastic sports under
9 requirements established by the school, the school district, and the corresponding
10 sports governing body;

11 (2) provides documentation to the school providing the interscholastic
12 sports program of the student's eligibility to participate, including academic
13 transcripts, proof of full-time enrollment, medical documents, and disciplinary
14 records; and

15 (3) claims the same school for interscholastic sports eligibility
16 purposes during a school year.

17 (b) In this section,

18 (1) "alternative education program" means a public secondary school
19 that provides a nontraditional education program, including the Alaska Military Youth
20 Academy; a public vocational, remedial, or theme-based program; a home school
21 program that is accredited by an external accrediting body; a charter school authorized
22 under AS 14.03.250 - 14.03.290; and a statewide correspondence school that enrolls
23 students who reside outside of the district in which the student resides and provides
24 less than three hours a week of scheduled face-to-face student interactions in the same
25 location with a teacher who is certified under AS 14.20.020;

26 (2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990;

27 (3) "full-time student" means a student who

28 (A) is enrolled in not less than five credits in grades nine
29 through 11 and not less than four credits in grade 12;

30 (B) is on track to graduate from secondary school in not more
31 than four years of attendance in secondary school; and

1 (C) if a student in grade 12, has passed all parts of the
2 secondary school competency examination required under AS 14.03.075;
3 (4) "interscholastic sports program" means a sport event or
4 competition with another school.