

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).

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

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

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

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

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

(b) In this section,

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

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

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

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

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

(C) if a student in grade 12, has passed all parts of the secondary school competency examination required under AS 14.03.075;

(4) "interscholastic sports program" means a sport event or competition with another school.