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Sectional Analysis CS HB 330 (FIN) Version O State Education Standards

Section 1:

Establishes the Joint Legislative Task Force to:

- examine the efficiency and effectiveness of education delivery in Alaska, with a specific focus on
 - education funding and educational standards, and
 - the ability to prepare students for significant careers.
- The Task Force will submit a report of its findings and proposed legislative changes to the governor, the legislature and the Board of Education and Early Development by September 30, 2013 and make any additional reports it considers advisable.

The duties of the task force begin at Page 2, Line 4:

1. Create a process for vetting proposed education standards before the standards are adopted by the state board of Education and Early Development
2. Examine the possibility for dual education tracks for postsecondary vocational and college readiness;
3. Evaluate school district challenges that result from implementation of federal education laws;
4. Evaluate the efficacy, cost-effectiveness, and redundancies of various education assessment, including the high school graduation qualifying examination, and make recommendations to the legislature, the governor and the state Board of Education and Early Development for improvement or restructuring of assessments;
5. Conduct an analysis of public education funding that includes:
 - A. Coverage of appropriate education expenses under AS 14.17.410;

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B. Alternative methods of addressing fluctuating energy, health, insurance, personnel, and pupil transportation costs;

C. A comparison of the allocation of administrative and instructional personnel among districts;

D. The effect of pension and health care expenses on total state education costs; and

E. A cost-benefit review of the process of hiring, evaluating and retaining staff.

The membership of the Task Force begins on Page 2, Line 29:

The Task Force members appointed by the Senate President and House Speaker are:

a. Six members of the Legislature including chairmen of the Education Committees

b. Five members as follows:

i. President of the Association of Alaska School Boards

ii. President of the Alaska Council of School Administrators

iii. A public school superintendent

iv. A University of Alaska representative

vi. A representative of a major career destination of high school graduates in the state.

The Governor shall appoint a representative.

The task force meets at the call of a co-chair. The Senate President and House Speaker shall jointly appoint the co-chairs of the task force.

Section 2:

The existing content and performance standards will remain in effect until the new process is developed and the newly vetted standards are adopted by the Board of Education.

Section 3:

The task force is repealed on July 1, 2014. The temporary law in Section 3 is also repealed July 1, 2014.

Section 4:

The bill has an immediate effective date.