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MEMO

To: Members of the Alaska Legislature

Date: February 15, 2011

Re: Sectional of CS for House Bill 5 (27-LS0018\D)

CS for House Bill 5 is broken into four sections:

1. Established the title of the Act.
2. Legislative Findings that stress the importance of the founding documents to this country. Those documents include the Declaration of Independence, the first state's constitutions, the Articles of Confederation, the Constitution of the United States, the Federalists Papers and the Bill of Rights. It is critical that students understand these documents and their historical context as part of their education.
3. Local school districts will establish a one semester course and final exam that represents one-half credit during the senior year of high school on these documents and historical context which will supplement the U.S. government course also taught in the senior year.
4. Effective date