

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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House Bill 98 Version G Sectional Analysis

Section 1. Amends AS 14.03 by adding a new section:

Sec. 14.03.065 (a) Establishes maximum classroom sizes for different grade levels in public schools. The maximum classroom size requirements do not apply to art, library, music, computer science, student government, or physical education courses.

(b) Exempts maximum classroom sizes if a district determines the legislature hasn't appropriated to implement the classroom size requirements; if local school district determines in writing that complying with the maximums would hinder the district's ability to best educate students, given available funding; and/or in districts with an average daily membership of 35,000 or fewer students.

(c) Requires school districts to give notice to the public the number of students in each classroom across each grade level by February 1 of each year.

Section 2. Amends AS 14.03.120 by adding a new subsection:

(k) Mandates that districts report to the Department by February 1st of each year the number of students places in each classroom in each grade for the current school year.

Section 3. Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a new section:

This section provides a temporary exception to the maximum classroom size for the first three years after the bill's effective date. Before July 1, 2028, a class can exceed the mandated maximum classroom size if the actual number of students in that classroom has decreased by two or more compared to the previous school year.

Section 4. Sets an effective date of July 1, 2025.