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09.20.030(b)	Jury Duty postponement for teachers at low-performing schools	1	Language change - refers to state regulation instead of federal law		1
14.03.073	NEW: Allows course credit without "seat time"	2	"Secondary" school courses through mastery - not limited to core topics	"High school" course credit through mastery - core topics only	2
14.03.075	Exit Exam	No change - does not repeal Exit Exam.		Replaces Exit Exam requirement with a requirement to take SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys before graduation.	3
14.03.078	DEED Annual Report	3	DEED Report language clean-up: amends language to refer to schools and <u>school districts</u> that are designated "low performance" in statute.	Includes all language in house version. In addition, removes references to the Exit Exam and requires electronic reporting.	4
14.03.083	NEW: Reaffirms state autonomy over education standards and assessments	4	State may not cede any measure of autonomy or control over education standards and assessments	**	
14.03.120 (d)	Public School Performance Reports	5	Substitutes the term "language arts" for "reading, writing" and ADDS a requirement for military student data reporting.	Includes all language in house version. In addition, removes references to the Exit Exam.	5
14.03.123 (c)	Statewide Student Assessment System	6	Language clean up and adds a statutory reference.	**	
14.03.123 (f)	School Report Accountability	7	Substitutes the term "language arts" for "reading, writing."	Includes all language in house version. In addition, removes references to the Exit Exam.	6
14.03.124	NEW: School Grading System	8	Directs DEED to replace the "star" rating system with an "A-F" system	**	

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14.03.126	NEW: Funding for Internet services	**		Funding to bring an eligible school's internet speed up to 10 megabits.	7
14.03.127	NEW: Personalized learning opportunity grant program	**		Funding to provide technical equipment, support and training for students (1:1)	
14.03.128	NEW: Innovative approach to learning grant	**		Funding to encourage innovative approaches to learning.	
14.03.250	NEW: Charter Schools: Application Process	9	Rewrites the Charter School application process: local school board issues decision in writing within 60 days. If approved, it is forwarded to the state BOE and DEED for approval. If denied, it can be appealed to the commissioner within 30 days. If approved by commissioner, it is forwarded to the state BOE for approval. The local school board will operate the charter school.	8	
14.03.253	NEW: Charter Schools: Application Appeal	10	Establishes process for a charter school applicant to appeal to the commissioner. The application may be remanded to the local board for further review, approved and forwarded to the state BOE, or denial may be upheld. Applicant can further appeal to state BOE, which has 90 days for decision.	9	
14.03.255 (a)	Charter Schools: Exit Exam	<i>House version does not repeal Exit Exam</i>		Repeals Exit Exam	10
14.03.255 (d)	Charter Schools: Lease	11	Districts shall offer first right of refusal to charter schools to lease space. Lease agreements shall be true operational costs.	11	

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14.03.260 (a)	Charter Schools: Budget	12	Districts may charge up to 4% for administrative costs. Funds generated by all sources by a student will be distributed to charter schools including special needs and vocational education factors.	Includes all language in House version. Additionally, states that certain operational costs may not be included for purposes of calculating the 4% cap and adds the following funding sources generated by a student: grants, appropriations, federal impact aid, and local contribution.	12
14.03.263	Charter School Grant	13	Charter school grant program - \$500 one-time grant per student for educational purposes only.		13
14.03.300-320	NEW: Correspondence study program; individual learning plans - Students allotments		**	Correspondence study programs; ILPs; Student Allotments	14
14.07.020(a)	DEED Duties	14	Substitutes the term "language arts" for "reading, writing"		15
14.07.020(b)	DEED Duties	15	Substitutes the term "language arts" for "reading, writing" and prohibits DEED from spending \$ on Common Core Standards implementation for K-12	Substitutes the term "language arts" for "reading, writing." Removed Common Core Standards language that appeared in House version.	16
14.07.165	Board of Education: Duties regarding College and Career Readiness Assessment		**		17
14.07.165 (b)			**		18
14.07.168	Board of Education: Report to legislature	16	Adds a requirement to recommend changes to promote efficiency in the administration of public education.	**	

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14.09.010	NEW: Pupil Transportation	17	Requires a school district that provides pupil transportation to public schools to adopt a policy to provide transportation to charter schools, when reasonable.	19	
14.11.100	School Construction Debt		**	20	Reduces current state debt reimbursement rate to 60/40 (from 70/30) and to 40/60 (from 60/40)
14.16.050	Boarding schools	18	Requires boarding schools to allow to course credit by mastery, enacted by this bill in AS 14.03.073	21	
14.16.100	Residential Schools: Applications	19	Allows an annual open application period	22	
14.16.200(b)	Residential Schools: Stipend		**	23	Increases the residential school stipend
14.17.410(b)	Mill Rate		**	24	Increase the required local contribution to 2.8 mill tax levy
14.17.410(c)	Voluntary Local contribution		**	25	Expressly includes funding distributed outside the BSA in the total amount used to determine the maximum voluntary local contribution.
14.17.430	Correspondence study		**	26	Increases state funding for correspondence study factor to 90% of BSA (currently 80%)

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14.17.450(d)	Increased Funding for New Charter Schools	**		Amends current statute to allow a charter school with at least 75 students to get additional funding for the first three years. Current statute applies to a charter school with more than 120 students for the first year only. Changes the formula by removing language limiting the adjusted student count for a charter school to 95% of the student rate for a school that has 150 or more students.	27
BSA Increase: 14.17.470		20	BSA \$185 (2014)	<i>Senate version does not contain a BSA Increase</i>	
		21	BSA \$58 (2015)		
		22	BSA \$58 (2016)		
14.20.150(a)	Teacher Tenure	23	Increases the qualifying period for teacher tenure to five years.	<i>Senate version does not contain any changes to teacher tenure</i>	
14.20.150 (f)	Teacher Tenure	24	Tenure requirement for a teacher in a rural district remains three years		
23.15.835(a)	TVEP: Contribution	**		Increases the employee contribution to TVEP from .15% to .16 %	28
23.15.835(d)	TVEP: Sunset and fund allocation	25	Extends the TVEP sunset date to June 30, 2017 from June 30, 2014.	Includes all language in House version. In addition, corrects names of recipient organizations, and removes UAS as a named recipient organization and adds Ilisagvik College.	29
23.15.835(e)	TVEP: Reporting	26	Removes satisfaction survey, adds performance review		30

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23.15.835 (g) & (h)	NEW: TVEP: Dual credit and penalties	27	Adds language requiring articulation agreements for dual credit and a 20% withholding penalty an institution if in violation of (e) or (g) of this section.		31
23.15.850	NEW: TVEP: Definitions	28	Establishes definitions for "articulation agreement" and "dual credit."		32
29.45.050	NEW: Charter School Property Tax Exemption	29	Municipality may exempt or partially exempt private property being used for a charter school		33
43.20.014(a), 43.20.014 (f) 43.65.018 (a), 43.75.018(a), 43.77.045(a)	Education Tax Credits	30-41	Expands education tax credits to include contributions to: public or private nonprofit elementary and secondary schools; a nonprofit for dual-credit student costs; construction, operation or maintenance of residential housing facility; programs for childhood early learning by a nonprofit, tribal entity, or school district; and STEM programs. Also adds definitions for "dual-credit student" and "nonprofit organization."	House language was included in its entirety. Also added vocational RTC and apprenticeship programs; and nonprofit agencies providing educational opportunities promoting legacy of public service. Also amended the vocational education language to clarify that eligible expenses for voc-ed include education courses, programs, equipment and facilities.	34-45

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Repeals		42	Repeals BIA School		46
		43	Repeals sunset of supplemental charter school facilities construction, lease and major maintenance grant program.		47
Applicability and Transition		44	Applicability for tenure section	No Tenure Change	
		45	Transition language for charter school applications		48
		46	Transition language for regulations		49
Uncodified Law	Salary and Benefits Study	47	DOA salary and benefits proposal due January 1, 2016.	LB&A study - due January 1, 2016.	55
Grants - Outside BSA		48	\$30 million one-time grant to districts	Proposal of \$100 million each year for three years	
Uncodified law - studies, pilot programs, effective dates	District Cost Factor Study	**		LB&A - due January 31, 2017	50
	School Size Factor Study	**		LB&A - due January 31, 2017	51
	School Design and Construction	**		DEED - due January 31, 2016	52
	NEW: Pilot Program to expand ANSEP High School STEM program to Middle School	**		Terminates June 30, 2017	53
	Retroactive Issuance of HS Diploma	**		Upon request, DEED shall issue a diploma to a student that did not receive one due to failing the Exit Exam	54
Effective Dates		Sections 49-53		Sections 56-59	