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Statute Reference/Topic		PASSED HOUSE - v. H.A		SENATE CS HB 278 – v. W.A		FC CS HB 278- v. Q	
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		SAME	1
14.03.073	<b>NEW:</b> 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	<b>"Secondary school" courses through mastery, but limited to core topics</b>	2
14.03.075	Exit Exam	<i>No change - does not repeal Exit Exam.</i>		<b>Replaces Exit Exam requirement with a requirement to take SAT, ACT, or WorkKeys before graduation</b>	3	SENATE	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.	<b>Includes all language in house version. In addition, removes references to the Exit Exam and requires electronic reporting.</b>	4	SENATE	4
14.03.083	<b>NEW:</b> Reaffirms state autonomy over education standards and assessments	4	<b>State may not cede any measure of autonomy or control over education standards and assessments</b>	**		HOUSE	5
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.	<b>Includes all language in house version. In addition, removes references to the Exit Exam.</b>	5	SENATE	6
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."	<b>Includes all language in house version. In addition, removes references to the Exit Exam.</b>	6	SENATE	7
14.03.124	<b>NEW:</b> School Grading System	8	Directs DEED to replace the "star" rating system with an "A-F" system	**		**	

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14.03.126	<b>NEW:</b> Funding for Internet services	**	<b>Funding to bring an eligible school's internet speed up to 10 megabits.</b>	7	<b>SENATE</b>	8	
14.03.127	<b>NEW:</b> Personalized learning opportunity grant program	**	Funding to provide technical equipment, support and training for students (1:1)		**		
14.03.128	<b>NEW:</b> Innovative approach to learning grant	**	Funding to encourage innovative approaches to learning.		**		
14.03.250	<b>NEW:</b> 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	SAME	9	
14.03.253	<b>NEW:</b> 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	SAME	10	
14.03.255 (a)	Charter Schools: Exit Exam	<i>House version does not repeal Exit Exam</i>		<b>Repeals Exit Exam</b>	10	<b>SENATE</b>	11
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	SAME	12	

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14.03.260 (a)	Charter Schools: Budget	12	Districts may charge up to 4% for admin costs. Funds generated by all sources by a student will be distributed to charter schools including special needs and vocational education factors.	<b>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.</b>	12	<b>SENATE</b>	13
14.03.263	Charter School Grant	13	Charter school grant program - \$500 one-time grant per student for educational purposes only.		13	SENATE	14
14.03.300-320	<b>NEW:</b> Correspondence study program		**	<b>Correspondence study programs: ILPs; Student Allotments</b>	14	<b>SENATE</b>	15
14.07.020(a)	DEED Duties	14	Substitutes the term "language arts" for "reading, writing"		15	NO CHANGE	16
14.07.020(b)	DEED Duties	15	<b>Prohibits DEED from spending \$ on Common Core Standards implementation for K-12; Substitutes the term "language arts" for "reading, writing;" prohibit</b>	Removed Common Core Standards language that appeared in House version, but kept "language arts" change.	16	<b>HOUSE</b>	17
14.07.165	Board of Education: Duties regarding College and Career Readiness Assessment		**	<b>Technical changes. Also includes language requiring the board to provide for a child with a disability and a waiver process for the college and career readiness assessment.</b>	17	<b>SENATE</b>	18
14.07.165 (b)			**	<b>Defines "child with a disability"</b>	18	<b>SENATE</b>	19
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	<b>NEW:</b> 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	SAME	20
14.11.100	School Construction Debt		** Reduces current state debt reimbursement rate to 60/40 (from 70/30) and to 40/60 (from 60/40)	20	<b>Does not change 70/30 plan; reduces 60/40 plan to 50/50.</b>	21
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	Section inadvertently left out of bill	
14.16.100	Residential Schools: Applications	19	Allows an annual open application period	22	SAME	22
14.16.200(b)	Residential Schools: Stipend		** <b>Increases the residential school stipend</b>	23	<b>SENATE</b>	23
14.17.410(b)	Mill Rate		** Increase the required local contribution to 2.8 mill tax levy	24	**	
14.17.410(c)	Voluntary Local contribution		** <b>Expressly includes funding distributed outside the BSA in the total amount used to determine the maximum voluntary local contribution.</b>	25	<b>SENATE</b>	24
14.17.430	Correspondence study		** <b>Increases state funding for correspondence study factor to 90% of BSA (currently 80%)</b>	26	<b>SENATE</b>	25

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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	SENATE	26
BSA Increase: 14.17.470		20	2014: \$185	<i>Senate version does not contain a BSA Increase</i>		2014: \$150	27
		21	2015 \$58			2015: \$50	28
		22	2016 \$58			2016: \$50	29
14.20.150(a)	Teacher Tenure	23	Increases the qualifying period for teacher tenure to five years.	<b>Senate version does not contain any changes to teacher tenure</b>		Tenure provisions removed, but DOA to include tenure in the salary and benefits proposal in section	
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	SENATE	30
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, removes UAS as a named recipient organization and adds Ilisagvik College.	29	SENATE	31
23.15.835(e)	TVEP: Reporting	26	Removes satisfaction survey, adds performance review		30	SAME	32
23.15.835 (g) & (h)	<b>NEW:</b> TVEP: Dual credit and penalties	27	Adds language requiring articulation agreements for dual credit and a 20% penalty if an institution is in violation of (e) or (g) of this section.		31	SAME	33

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23.15.850	<b>NEW:</b> TVEP: Definitions	28	Establishes definitions for "articulation agreement" and "dual credit."	32	SAME	34	
29.45.050	<b>NEW:</b> Charter School Property Tax Exemption	29	Municipality may exempt or partially exempt private property being used for a charter school	33	SAME	35	
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."	<b>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.</b>	34-45	SENATE	36-47
STEM	<b>NEW:</b> STEM Program	**		<b>Establishes a Pilot Program to expand High School STEM program to Middle School. Terminates June 30, 2017</b>	53	SENATE	48
Diploma	Retroactive Issuance of HS Diploma	**		<b>Upon request, DEED shall issue a diploma to a student that did not receive one due to failing the Exit Exam</b>	54	SENATE	49
Repeals		42	Repeals BIA School		46	SAME	50
		43	Repeals sunset of supplemental charter school facilities construction, lease and major maintenance grant program.		47	SAME	51
Uncodified Law	Salary and Benefits Study	47	<b>DOA salary and benefits proposal due January 1, 2016.</b>	LB&A study - due January 1, 2016.	55	<b>HOUSE - but added Tenure study</b>	52

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Studies	School Design and Construction Study	**	DEED - due January 31, 2016	52	SENATE	53	
	District Cost Factor Study	**	LB&A - due January 31, 2017	50	Replaced by a comprehensive education funding study, due January 1, 2015	54	
	School Size Factor Study	**	LB&A - due January 31, 2017	51			
Grants - Outside BSA		48	\$30 million one-time grant to districts	Proposal of \$100 million each year for three years		55	
				2015: \$42,953,500			
				2016: \$32,243,700			
				2017: \$19,904,200			
Applicability and Transition		44	Applicability for tenure section	<b>No Tenure Change</b>		**	
		45	Transition language for charter school applications		48	SAME	56
		46	Transition language for regulations		49	SAME	57
Effective Dates		Sections 49-53		Sections 56-59		Sections 58-62	