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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 57()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATOR STEVENS

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to parental involvement in education; adjusting pupil transportation funding; amending the time required for employers to give tenured teachers notification of their nonretention; and providing for an effective date."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

*** Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.03.072. Kindergarten through grade three; parent information. (a)

Each school district shall annually provide to parents and guardians of students enrolled in kindergarten through grade three in a public school in the state current information on the importance of early literacy, including

(1) intervention strategies;

(2) home literacy plans;

(3) grade retention standards and policies for the elementary school attended;

(4) strategies and resources to help children learn to read.

(b) In partnership with local media outlets, the department shall create and implement a communications campaign to educate parents and guardians about the importance of early literacy. The campaign shall include an Internet website that provides access to current research on early literacy, book recommendations, and vocabulary building exercises.

* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20.140(a) is amended to read:

(a) If a teacher who has acquired tenure rights is to be laid off under AS 14.20.177 or is not to be retained for the following school year, the employer shall notify the teacher of the layoff or nonretention by writing, delivered before **May 15** [MARCH 16], or by registered mail postmarked before **May 15** [MARCH 16].

* **Sec. 3.** Section 9, ch. 19, SLA 2012, is repealed.

* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION ADJUSTMENT. The per student amount available to a school district under AS 14.09.010(a) shall be adjusted annually on October 1 in fiscal years 2014, 2015, and 2016 according to changes in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The reference base index for an adjustment made under this subsection is the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the years 1982 through 1984.

* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

APPLICABILITY. AS 14.20.140(a), as amended by sec. 2 of this Act, applies to a contract or collective bargaining agreement that becomes legally binding on or after the effective date of this Act.

* **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.