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**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 357( )**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY**

**Offered:  
Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE VAZQUEZ**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to the state Board of Education and Early Development."**

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

**\* Section 1.** AS 14.07.075 is amended to read:

**Sec. 14.07.075. Creation.** There is created at the head of the Department of Education and Early Development a Board of Education and Early Development consisting of seven voting members and two nonvoting members.

**\* Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.085 is amended to read:

**Sec. 14.07.085. Appointment of members.** (a) The seven voting members of the board, not [NO] more than four of whom shall be members of the same political party as the governor, shall be appointed by the governor, subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. In appointing board members, the governor shall consider recommendations made by recognized educational associations in the state.

(b) One voting member shall be appointed from each of the four judicial districts and three from the state at large with at least one voting member representing

regional educational attendance areas.

(c) The voting members are entitled to the expenses, travel, and per diem allowances provided by law.

(d) A voting member may act and receive compensation from the date of appointment until confirmation or rejection by the legislature.

\* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.07.085 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(e) The two nonvoting members shall be members of the legislature. The speaker of the house of representatives shall appoint one nonvoting member who is a member of the house of representatives and who serves at the pleasure of the speaker of the house. The president of the senate shall appoint one nonvoting member who is a member of the senate and who serves at the pleasure of the president of the senate.

\* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.07.095 is amended to read:

**Sec. 14.07.095. Term of office.** The voting members of the board shall be appointed for overlapping five-year terms commencing on the March 1 following the date of the member's appointment. Except as provided in AS 39.05.080(4), a member appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the unexpired term of the member whose vacancy is filled. A vacancy occurring during a term of office is filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

\* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.07.105 is amended to read:

**Sec. 14.07.105. Quorum and chair.** (a) Four voting members constitute a quorum.

(b) The board shall designate one voting member of the board as the chairperson who serves as chair of the board at the pleasure of the board.

\* **Sec. 6.** AS 14.07.115 is amended to read:

**Sec. 14.07.115. Removal.** Voting members [MEMBERS] of the board serve at the pleasure of the governor.

\* **Sec. 7.** AS 14.07.125 is amended to read:

**Sec. 14.07.125. Meetings.** The board shall meet at least quarterly. Meetings may be called by the chair or by a majority of the voting members of the board. Meetings shall be held in Juneau unless a majority of the voting members of the board changes the place of a meeting.

1 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 14.07.155 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 14.07.155. Partisan candidacy prohibited.** A voting member of the  
3 board may not be a candidate for partisan political office while serving as a member of  
4 the board.

5 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 14.43.310(b) is amended to read:

6 (b) To assist the administering authority in selecting eligible applicants for  
7 award of each of the memorial education loans under AS 14.43.250 - 14.43.325 and in  
8 reviewing the memorial education loan program, the following advisory committees  
9 are established:

10 (1) three Alaska state troopers, each one to be selected from and to  
11 represent a state trooper region of the state by the regional commander to serve for  
12 three years, for the Michael Murphy memorial education loan;

13 (2) [REPEALED]

14 (3) three members of the state Board of Registration for Architects,  
15 Engineers, and Land Surveyors selected annually by the board from among its  
16 engineer members, for the Harvey Golub memorial education loan; and

17 (4) three voting members of the state Board of Education and Early  
18 Development, or of the staff of the Department of Education and Early Development,  
19 or any combination of these, selected annually by the board, for the Robert L. Thomas  
20 memorial education loan.

21 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 39.05.065(a) is amended to read:

22 (a) Each voting member of the Board of Education and Early Development  
23 shall be a citizen of the United States and have been a resident of Alaska for at least  
24 three years.