

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 44(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:
Referred:

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES MILLETT, Herron, Muñoz, Josephson, Tarr, Gara, Foster, Drummond, Vazquez

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention efforts in**
2 **public schools; and relating to dating violence and abuse awareness and prevention**
3 **efforts in public schools."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Alaska Safe Children's Act.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding new sections to read:

9 **Article 6A. Sexual Abuse and Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention.**

10 **Sec. 14.30.355. Sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention.**

11 (a) The governing body of each school district shall adopt and implement a policy,
12 establish a mandatory training program for employees and students, and provide
13 parent, student, and staff notices relating to sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness
14 and prevention for students enrolled in grades kindergarten through 12.

- 1 (b) The policy, training, and notices under this section must include
- 2 (1) age-appropriate information;
- 3 (2) warning signs of sexual abuse of a child;
- 4 (3) referral and resource information;
- 5 (4) available student counseling and educational support;
- 6 (5) methods for increasing teacher, student, and parent awareness of
- 7 issues regarding sexual abuse of children;
- 8 (6) actions that a child may take to prevent and report sexual abuse or
- 9 sexual assault; and
- 10 (7) a procedure allowing a student to be excused from participating in
- 11 training or from receiving notices under this section at the written request of a parent
- 12 or guardian of the student, or of the student if the student is emancipated or 18 years of
- 13 age or older.

14 (c) In this section, "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.

15 **Sec. 14.30.356. Dating violence and abuse policy, training, awareness,**

16 **prevention, and notices.** (a) The governing body of each school district shall adopt

17 and implement a policy, establish a mandatory training program for employees and

18 students, and provide parent, student, and staff notices relating to dating violence and

19 abuse in grades seven through 12. The training program shall emphasize prevention

20 and awareness.

- 21 (b) The policy, training, notices, and instruction shall include
- 22 (1) age-appropriate information;
- 23 (2) information explaining that "dating violence and abuse" means a
- 24 pattern of behavior in which one person threatens to use, or actually uses, physical,
- 25 sexual, verbal, emotional, or psychological abuse to control the person's dating
- 26 partner;
- 27 (3) the warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior;
- 28 (4) characteristics of healthy relationships;
- 29 (5) measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse;
- 30 (6) community resources available to victims of dating violence and
- 31 abuse; and

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(7) a procedure allowing a student to be excused from participating in training or from receiving notices under this section at the written request of a parent or guardian of the student, or of the student if the student is emancipated or 18 years of age or older.

(c) In this section, "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.