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MEMORANDUM

May 18, 2015

SUBJECT: Sectional Summary
(SCS CSHB 44(); Work Order No. 29-LS0258\G)

TO: Senator Mike Dunleavy
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FROM: Kate S. Glover
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You have requested a sectional summary of the above-described bill.

As a preliminary matter, note that a sectional summary of a bill should not be considered an authoritative interpretation of the bill and the bill itself is the best statement of its contents. If you would like an interpretation of the bill as it may apply to a particular set of circumstances, please advise.

Section 1. Provides a short title for sec. 16 of the bill.

Section 2. Requires local school boards to adopt policies allowing parents to withdraw their children from any activity, class, program, or standards-based assessment required by the state to which the parent objects.

Section 3. Limits AS 14.03.073, which allows students to challenge courses for credit, to apply only to students in grades nine through 12.

Section 4. Clarifies that school districts do not have to establish assessment tools for all courses offered in grades nine through 12 for purposes of challenging a course.

Section 5. Prohibits school districts and educational services organizations that contract with school districts from contracting with abortion services providers.

Section 6. Prohibits school districts, principals, other persons in charge of schools, or teachers from administering a questionnaire or survey unless written permission is obtained from a student's parent or guardian.

Section 7. Amends AS 14.03.110(d) to require schools to inform parents or guardians of who will have access to results of questionnaires or surveys.

Section 8. Requires regional school boards to establish procedures to provide required training for school employees.

Section 9. Requires borough and city school boards to establish procedures to provide required training for school employees.

Section 10. Requires the State Board of Education and Early Development (the board) to establish procedures for training employees of state boarding schools.

Section 11. Allows school districts to determine how frequently to provide training related to selection of nondiscriminatory textbooks and educational materials.

Section 12. Allows school districts to determine how frequently to provide employee evaluation training for certificated school employees.

Section 13. Allows a school district to determine how frequently to provide alcohol and drug related disabilities training for school teachers, administrators, counselors, and specialists.

Section 14. Removes "additional" from AS 14.30.070(b), which pertains to physical examinations for students required by the Department of Health and Social Services.

Section 15. Prohibits school districts from paying the costs of physical examinations for teachers.

Section 16. Provides that the governing bodies of school districts may adopt policies establishing training programs for employees and students related to sexual abuse and sexual assault awareness and prevention and, in grades 7 - 12, dating violence and abuse awareness and prevention.

Section 17. Prohibits school districts from permitting abortion services providers to offer, sponsor, or furnish course materials or instruction related to human sexuality or sexually transmitted diseases.

Section 18. Makes conforming amendments to AS 14.30.370.

Section 19. Allows school districts to determine how frequently to provide school crisis response training.

Section 20. Requires continuing education related to domestic violence and sexual assault to be provided once every five years for state or local public employees.

Section 21. Allows a person who possesses a valid teacher certificate and applies to work at a facility licensed or certified by the department or who applies to work at a child care facility or residential child care facility to request that the person's criminal justice

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information and national criminal history record check on file with the department be used to satisfy criminal history check requirements for the Department of Health and Social Services.

Section 22. Modifies state agency training intervals for recognition and reporting of child abuse for mandatory reporters of child abuse and neglect and allows school districts to determine how frequently to provide the training.

Section 23. Repeals AS 14.03.075(a), (b), (c), and (e)(1), and AS 14.07.165(a)(5) and (b) which relate to college and career readiness assessments; and AS 14.30.070(a) and 14.30.120, relating to physical examinations required for students.

If I may be of further assistance, please advise.

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