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Sectional Analysis

Senate CS for CS for House Bill 44 (FIN) Sex Abuse/Assault/Dating Violence Prevention Programs

- Section 1. Provides a short title for sec. 16 of the bill Alaska Safe Children's Act.
- Section 2. Limits AS 14.03.073, which allows students to challenge courses for credit, to apply only to students in grades nine through 12.
- Section 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. Requires regional school boards to establish procedures to provide required training for school employees.
- Section 7. Requires borough and city school boards to establish procedures to provide required training for school employees.
- Section 8. Requires the State Board of Education and Early Development (the board) to establish procedures for training employees of state boarding schools.
- Section 9. Allows school districts to determine how frequently to provide training related to selection of nondiscriminatory textbooks and educational materials.
- Section 10. Requires individuals receiving a teacher certificate to complete training relating to alcohol and drug related disabilities, training regarding sexual abuse and assault awareness and prevention, training regarding dating violence and abuse awareness and prevention, and training related to suicide prevention.

- Section 11. Requires school districts to determine how frequently to provide employee evaluation training for certificated school employees.
- Section 12. Requires school districts and regional educational attendance areas to determine how frequently to provide training relating to alcohol and drug related disabilities.
- Section 13. 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 14. Prohibits school districts from paying the costs of physical examinations for teachers.
- Section 15. Provides that the governing bodies of school districts shall 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 16. Makes conforming amendments to AS 14.30.070.
- Section 17. Allows school districts to determine how frequently to provide school crisis response training.
- Section 18. Requires continuing education for teachers on the following subjects: the nature, extent, and cause of domestic violence; procedures designed to promote the safety of the victim and other household members; resources available to victims and perpetrators of domestic violence; and the lethality of domestic violence.
- Section 19. Allows a person who possess a valid teacher certificate and applies to work at a facility or residential child care facility to request that the person’s criminal justice 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 20. Adds an individual who volunteers with children more than four hours per week to immediately report the suspected harm.
- Section 21. 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 22. Adds the definition of volunteer to AS 47.17.290(1).
- 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.
- Section 24. Establish the Alaska Safe Children’s Act Task Force to develop model curricula.
- Section 25. Applicability of Section 10 relating to training requirements for teachers.
- Section 26. Repeals Section 4, ch. 34, SLA 2012.
- Section 27. Effective date.