

AMENDMENT

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TO: HB 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE HANNAN

1 Page 1, line 4, through page 2, line 21:

2 Delete all material and insert:

3 **"* Section 1.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 14.20.024. World language expert limited teacher certificate.** (a)

5 Notwithstanding AS 14.20.020, a person may be issued a world language expert
6 limited teacher certificate, valid only in the instructional language in which the person
7 has expertise, upon compliance with the requirements of this section. A world
8 language expert teacher may only be employed to teach in the language in which the
9 person has satisfied the education or experience requirements set out in (b)(1) of this
10 section.

11 (b) To be eligible for a world language expert limited teacher certificate, a
12 person shall

13 (1) hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher
14 education accredited by a recognized regional or national accrediting association or
15 approved by the commissioner and have at least five years of experience in the
16 instructional language in which the person will be teaching;

17 (2) have submitted fingerprints and the fees required by the
18 Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information and
19 a national criminal history record check to the department; the department must have
20 submitted the fingerprints and fees to the Department of Public Safety for a report of
21 criminal justice information under AS 12.62 and a national criminal history record
22 check under AS 12.62.400 and the person must have been found by the department to
23 be suitable for employment as a teacher under AS 14.20.020(f);

1 (3) be currently enrolled in or have completed an approved post-
2 baccalaureate teacher education program at a regionally accredited institution meeting
3 the requirements of AS 14.20.020(b) that provides for completion of the regular
4 teacher certificate education requirements within two years after receipt of a world
5 language expert limited teacher certificate under this section; and

6 (4) have completed three semester hours of Alaska studies and three
7 semester hours in multicultural education or cross-cultural communications as
8 described in AS 14.20.020(h).

9 (c) A world language expert limited teacher certificate is valid for one school
10 year and may be renewed for one additional school year upon a showing of substantial
11 progress toward completion of the teacher education program required under (b)(3) of
12 this section or satisfactory completion of a competency examination.

13 (d) A person employed as a world language expert teacher under this section
14 is considered a certificated employee for purposes of AS 14.25 (teachers' retirement
15 system). Employment as a world language expert teacher under this section counts as
16 employment for purposes of acquiring tenure under AS 14.20.150; however, a person
17 holding a world language expert limited teacher certificate under this section is not
18 entitled to tenure until the person receives a teacher certificate under AS 14.20.020.

19 (e) The department shall adopt regulations necessary to implement this
20 section.

21 (f) In this section,

22 (1) "world language" means a language other than English;

23 (2) "world language teacher" is a teacher qualified to teach under (b) of
24 this section."