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SB 6: Alaska Reads Act Explanation of Changes

CS Sponsor Substitute Senate Bill 6 (EDU)

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Pages 1-25: Replaces all instances of “literacy” with term “reading”. (SEDU)

Pages 1-25: Replaces all instances of “science of reading” with “evidence-based reading”.

Definition of evidence-based reading is located on Pages 19 & 20, Line 28- Line 1 (SEDU)

Pages 1-25: Replaces all instances of “a statewide assessment” with “the statewide assessment” except in two locations, Page 13 Line 17 an Page 14, Line 18. (SEDU)

Pages 2-3, Lines 22-19: Amends AS 14.03.078(a) which directs the department to include information collected under AS 14.03.120 and AS 14.30-760 – 14.30.775 in their annual report to the legislature. (SEDU)

Page 3, Lines 20-25: Amends AS 14.03.080(d) by changing the date a student is eligible to enter kindergarten and establishes an eligibility waiver process. (SEDU)

Page 3, Lines 26-29: Amends AS 14.03.080(g) by changing the date a child is eligible to enter a public early education program. (SEDU)

REMOVED: Requirement that a district publish information collected under AS 14.03.120 on Internet website. (SEDU)

Page 4, Line 3: Requires districts report class size. (SEDU)

Page 4, Line 7: Requires districts to report student improvement on the statewide screening or assessment tool. (SEDU)

Page 4, Lines 7 & 10: Amends AS 14.03.120 by clarifying assessment is based on grade-level skill.

Pages 6-7, Line 30-25: Establishes AS 14.03.420, Parent as Teachers. (SEDU)

Page 11, Lines 20-25: Reduces number of years of required teaching experience in addition to department approved additional coursework requirement for individuals to qualify to teach in programs established under AS 14.03.410. (SEDU)

Pages 12-13, Line 27-12: Amend AS 14.20.015(c) to include evidence-based reading instruction three credit or equivalency requirements for holding a preliminary teacher certificate. (SEDU)

Page 13, Lines 6-12: Amend AS 14.20.020 by adding subsection (l) to include evidence-based reading instruction three credit or equivalency requirements for obtaining a preliminary teacher certificate. (SEDU)

Page 13, Line 21: Corrects drafting error. (SEDU)

Page 14, Lines 9-10: Corrects drafting error. (SEDU)

Page 14, Lines 11-15: Establish waiver process for districts regarding statewide screening or assessment tool. (SEDU)

Page 14, Lines 26-28: Amends AS 14.30.760 by inserting new subsection (b)(4) which establishes recommendations for consideration by the department when adopting a statewide screen or assessment tool. (SEDU)

Page 15, Line 8: Corrects drafting error. (SEDU)

Page 15, Lines 21-24: Amends AS 14.30.765(a)(8) by removing 70-hour intensive reading instruction requirement. (SEDU)

Page 16, Line 15: Amends AS 14.30.765(c) to allow a district or a school to notify parents in either conference or writing. (SEDU)

Page 17, Lines 12-13: Aligns AS 14.30.765(d) with above language regarding written notification. (SEDU)

Page 17, Lines 22-23: Amends AS 14.30.765(e)(1) clarifying scoring requirement on the statewide screening or assessment tool. (SEDU)

Page 17, Lines 28-30: Inserts subsection (f) under AS.14.30.765 and directs the department to develop a recognition program. (SEDU)

REMOVED: Strike subsection (h) under AS 14.30.765 to remove 120 parental notification requirements. (SEDU)

Page 18, Line 25: Aligns parental notification for students in grade three with previously stated notification. (SEDU)

Page 19, Lines 25-26: Inserts subsection (k) under AS 14.30.765 which prohibits a district or school from retaining a K-3 student who has been previously retained. (SEDU)

Pages 19-20, Lines 28-1: Inserts definition of “evidence-based reading intervention”. (SEDU)

REMOVED: Language requiring a “reading teacher” be certified under AS 14.20 in AS 14.30.765(l)(2). (SEDU)

Page 20, Lines 7-13: Amends AS 14.30.770, Department Reading Program, to determine the eligibility pool for direct support as determined by AS 14.03.123. (SEDU)

Page 21, Line 18: Corrects drafting error. (SEDU)

Page 21, Lines 26-30: Inserts subsection 10 to AS 14.30.770 to establish a panel of educators, administrators, and parents to periodically review implementation of The Alaska Reads Act. (SEDU)