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House Bill 132 Sectional Analysis – Version B

Section 1

Uncodified law.

Creates a Short Title: “This Act may be known as the Alaska Apprenticeship Expansion Act.”

Section 2

AS 12.62.400(a). National criminal history record checks for employment, licensing, and other noncriminal justice purposes.

Adds an instructor of students in a concurrent vocational education, training, or on-the-job trade experience program to the list individuals that must receive a national criminal history record check.

Section 3

AS 14.07.020(a). Duties of the department.

Adds to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development that they must collaborate with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide financial and technical support to school districts creating or expanding school to apprenticeship programs or concurrent secondary education and apprenticeship programs.

DEED must also provide technical support to school districts seeking to provide science, math, and engineering credit for career and technical education courses, and provide opportunities to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs to students over 14 years of age enrolled in public secondary schools.

Section 4

AS 14.35. Chapter 35. Vocational Education.

Adds six new sections to AS 14.35. Each new section is described below:

Article 2. Concurrent Vocational Education, Training, and On-the-Job Trade Experience Programs.

Sec. 14.35.100. State policy.

Creates the policy that Alaska will provide public secondary school students over 14 years of age the opportunity to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs from nonsectarian agencies providing industry-standard instruction.

Sec. 14.35.105. Program contracts.

The Department of Education and Early Development must negotiate contracts with agencies providing industry-standard instruction and certifications to offer concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs for students enrolled in a public secondary school. DEED may establish minimum program eligibility standards.

DEED may not contract with a sectarian agency. This section also provides guidelines for contracts.

Sec. 14.35.110. Program list.

The Department of Education and Early Development must annually compile, provide to school districts, and publish on the department's website a list of concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs that the department contracts with.

Sec. 14.35.115. Student enrollment.

The Department of Education and Early Development must enroll in a contracted concurrent vocational education, training, or on-the-job trade experience program a student over 14 years of age who is enrolled in a public secondary school eligible for the program and who submits a timely application.

If the number of applications for a program exceeds the capacity of the program or age group, DEED must select students by random drawing. A secondary school must pay the program tuition for an enrolled student who participates in a contracted concurrent vocational education program in accordance with the terms of the contract entered into.

Sec. 14.35.120. Individual learning plan.

Requires that all students enrolled in a public secondary school who participate in a contracted concurrent vocational program have an individual learning plan created by the secondary school must annually provide and developed in collaboration with the student, the parent or guardian of the student, a school counselor assigned to the student, and other individuals involved in the student's learning plan.

Individual learning plans must: be developed with input from the counselor assigned to the student; provide for an in-school and concurrent vocational education program course of study appropriate for the student's age and grade level consistent with state and district standards; provide for an ongoing assessment plan that includes industry standard certification progress and statewide assessments required for public schools; and provide for monitoring of the student's work and certification progress by the counselor assigned to the student.

Sec. 14.35.125. Instructor certification.

Requires that an instructor of students in a concurrent vocational education, training, or on-the-job trade experience program must possess a valid instructor certificate and an industry standard master skill certification or equivalent.

The Board of Education and Early Development will establish requirements for the issuance of instructor certificates by regulation. The board will also confirm via a national criminal history

record check that an instructor has not been convicted of a crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a crime, involving a minor.

Section 5

AS 14.40.170(a). Duties and powers of Board of Regents.

Adds to the duties of the Board of Regents that they shall collaborate with the Department of Education and Early Development and the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide technical and financial assistance to school districts and postsecondary institutions offering credit for concurrent secondary education and apprenticeship programs.

Section 6

AS 23.10.330(a). Exempted employment.

Amends the supervision requirements for an employed minor to include an adult parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle.

Section 7

AS 23.10.332(a). Authorization for children under 17 to work.

Changes the allowable employment age for a minor to 16 years old.

Section 8

AS 23.10.340(a). Employment of children under 16.

Changes the hours of the day minor's work may be performed to 10:00 PM.

Section 9

AS 43.20. Chapter 20. Alaska Net Income Tax Act.

Adds a new section to AS 43.20. The new section is described below:

Sec. 43.20.055. Registered apprentice tax credit.

Creates a registered apprentice tax credit. This section clarifies that a taxpayer that hires a registered apprentice and employs and trains the registered apprentice in the state is entitled to a credit. This section also specifies other requirements related to the registered apprentice tax credit:

- To qualify as a registered apprentice for the purposes of the credit, a person must participate in a registered apprenticeship program recognized by the Department of Labor and Workforce Development;
- The amount of credit that may be applied by a taxpayer for each qualifying registered apprentice is \$1,000.
- The tax credit may be applied against the tax for the first tax year ending on or after the end of the employment period. The credit may not be used to reduce a person's tax liability below zero for any tax year, and any credit or portion of a credit not used may be applied in a later tax year.
- A taxpayer must keep a record of the name of the registered apprentice whose employment and training is the basis for a credit, and the registered apprentice's hours employed and period of employment. The department may by regulation specify the documentation that must be maintained to support a claim that an employee qualifies as a registered apprentice.

Section 10*Effective date*

Provides for a July 1, 2021 effective date.