

**CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(EDC)**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 3/24/21**

**Referred: Community & Regional Affairs**

**Sponsor(s): SENATORS STEVENS, Begich, Hughes, Micciche**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school**  
2 **graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.076. Civics curriculum and assessment requirement.** (a) The  
6 board shall develop and periodically review a statewide civics education curriculum  
7 and assessment that include government, citizenship, and the history of systems of  
8 government used in the United States and the state. The curriculum and assessment  
9 must include systems of government used by Alaska Natives. Districts may use the  
10 curriculum to educate students in civics.

11 (b) A school may not issue a secondary school diploma to a student unless the  
12 student

13 (1) has taken the civics assessment developed under (a) of this section;

14 or

1                   (2) is a student with a disability and receives a waiver from the  
2 governing body.

3                   (c) If a student has taken the assessment developed under (a) of this section, a  
4 school shall document on the student's transcript that the student has taken the  
5 assessment.

6 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.168 is amended to read:

7                   **Sec. 14.07.168. Report to the legislature.** Not later than the 30th legislative  
8 day of each regular session of the legislature, the board shall prepare and present in  
9 person to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education an annual  
10 report that describes the efforts of the board to develop, maintain, and continuously  
11 improve a comprehensive quality public education system, as provided for under the  
12 bylaws of the board. The report must include

13                   (1) a summary of the resolves and rationales provided in support of  
14 policy decisions made under AS 14.03.015;

15                   (2) program and curriculum changes made, discussed, or  
16 recommended in meetings held under AS 14.07.125;

17                   (3) additional information relevant to efforts made to improve and  
18 maintain the public education system;

19                   **(4) a description of the civics education curriculum in the state**  
20 **public school system, civics courses offered in each district, and student**  
21 **performance by district on the assessment required by AS 14.03.076.**

22 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2022.