

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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SENATE DISTRICT 1

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS FOR SB80 **An Act Relating to Mental Health Education**

Section 1: This section adds intent language stating it is the intent of the Legislature that the Board of Education and Early Development develop guidelines for instruction in mental health in consultation with representatives of mental health organizations and regional tribal health organizations, including the National Council for Behavioral Health, Providence Health and Services Alaska, Southcentral Foundation, Anchorage Community Mental Health Services, Inc., North Star Behavioral Health System, and the National Alliance on Mental Health Illness Alaska.

Section 2: This section amends AS 14.30.360 by removing the word “physical” when referencing instruction for health education and adding “mental health” to the list of curriculum items each district includes in their health education programs.

Section 3: Amends AS 14.30.360 by clarifying that health guidelines developed by the Board of Education and Early Development must provide standards for instruction in mental health and be developed in consultation with the Department of Health and Social Services and representatives of national and state mental health organizations.

Section 4: Amends the uncodified law of the State of Alaska by adding a new section to read “the state Board of Education and Early Development shall develop the mental health guidelines required by AS 14.30.360(b), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act, within two years after the effective date of this Act.”