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Explanation of Changes
CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 111(FIN)

Version 32-LS0485\N to 32-LS0485\E

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Updated Title

Section 13 AS 14.03.120(i)

Page 8, line 12-18

Adds a new subsection (i) to require better access to data.

Section 15 AS 14.07.020(a)

Adds to the department's general duties section the responsibilities to:

- Approve programs for the pre-k grants (previously in Section 14).
- Convene an annual panel (previously in Section 33). Version E expands the panel to include reviewing regulations of programs created by this Act and requiring representation from across the state.

Section 20 AS 14.07.165(a)(5)(B)(i)

Provides pre-k teachers more time to complete required course work from one year to two years.

Section 33 AS 14.30.760

- Changes "screening or assessment tool" to "screening tool" to remove any misunderstanding regarding the level of effort required to comply with the bill's intent.

- Clarifies that the department should assist districts in creating alternative screening tools and that the screener can be for any language.

Conforming and technical changes made throughout version E

AS 14.30.765

Repurposes the good cause waiver to be a tool for districts to use when parents are not participating in progression decisions.

Conforming and technical changes made throughout version E

AS 14.30.770

- Removes the cap on participating schools for the reading program and leaves it up to the budgeting process to create position to serve this need.
- Ensures that department employees going to work in rural communities have the correct training to so effectively.

AS 14.30.775

Requires the department, by regulation, to develop a definition of “dyslexia” as given by the International Dyslexia Association.

Section 35 AS 14.60.010

Defines “parent” or “guardian” and applies it to be a title-wide definition (previously in Section 34)

Section 37 Repealed Sections

Adds 14.03.290(4) (definition of parent in charter school statutes) to the repealed sections.

Conforming to changes in Section 35

Section 44 Effective Date

Adds an immediate effective date for Section 43.

Section 45 Effective Date

Amends effective moved from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023

Deleted sections from version N

Sections 27 & 28 This is the operating fund change that is no longer necessary