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TO: CSSB 225(EDC), Draft Version "I"

- Page 7, following line 13:
- 2 Insert a new bill section to read:
 - "* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.20.020(i) is amended to read:
 - (i) Beginning on July 1, 1998, a person is not eligible for an initial regular teacher certificate unless the person has taken and successfully completed a competency examination or examinations designated, at the time the person took the test, by the board, or the person has demonstrated competency through an alternative method under this subsection. The board shall review nationally recognized examinations that are designed to test the competency of new teachers and shall designate those examinations that it finds adequately test the skills and abilities of new teachers. For each examination designated under this subsection, the board shall establish the minimum acceptable level of performance. The board may establish an alternative method to test the competency, skills, and abilities of new teachers who have taken but have not successfully completed the competency examination or examinations designated by the board under this subsection."

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17 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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