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SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 132(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): HOUSE LABOR AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to technical education and apprenticeships; relating to concurrent**
2 **career and technical education programs for students enrolled in public secondary**
3 **schools; relating to employment of children; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
6 to read:

7 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Alaska Apprenticeship Expansion Act.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.020(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The department shall

10 (1) exercise general supervision over the public schools of the state
11 except the University of Alaska;

12 (2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of the state,
13 adopt or recommend plans, administer and evaluate grants to improve school
14 performance awarded under AS 14.03.125, and adopt regulations for the improvement

1 of the public schools; the department may consult with the University of Alaska to
2 develop secondary education requirements to improve student achievement in college
3 preparatory courses;

4 (3) provide advisory and consultative services to all public school
5 governing bodies and personnel;

6 (4) prescribe by regulation a minimum course of study for the public
7 schools; the regulations must provide that, if a course in American Sign Language is
8 given, the course shall be given credit as a course in a foreign language;

9 (5) establish, in coordination with the Department of Health and Social
10 Services, a program for the continuing education of children who are held in juvenile
11 detention facilities or juvenile treatment facilities, as those terms are defined in
12 AS 47.12.990, in the state during the period of detention or treatment;

13 (6) accredit those public schools that meet accreditation standards
14 prescribed by regulation by the department; these regulations shall be adopted by the
15 department and presented to the legislature during the first 10 days of any regular
16 session, and become effective 45 days after presentation or at the end of the session,
17 whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of
18 the members of each house;

19 (7) prescribe by regulation, after consultation with the state fire
20 marshal and the state sanitarian, standards that will ensure healthful and safe
21 conditions in the public and private schools of the state, including a requirement of
22 physical examinations and immunizations in pre-elementary schools; the standards for
23 private schools may not be more stringent than those for public schools;

24 (8) exercise general supervision over pre-elementary schools that
25 receive direct state or federal funding;

26 (9) exercise general supervision over elementary and secondary
27 correspondence study programs offered by municipal school districts or regional
28 educational attendance areas; the department may also offer and make available to any
29 Alaskan through a centralized office a correspondence study program;

30 (10) accredit private schools that request accreditation and that meet
31 accreditation standards prescribed by regulation by the department; nothing in this

paragraph authorizes the department to require religious or other private schools to be licensed;

(11) review plans for construction of new public elementary and secondary schools and for additions to and major rehabilitation of existing public elementary and secondary schools and, in accordance with regulations adopted by the department, determine and approve the extent of eligibility for state aid of a school construction or major maintenance project; for the purposes of this paragraph, "plans" include educational specifications, schematic designs, projected energy consumption and costs, and final contract documents;

(12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of vocational education and training, and basic education to individuals over 16 years of age who are no longer attending school; the department may consult with businesses and labor unions to develop a program to prepare students for apprenticeships or internships that will lead to employment opportunities;

(13) administer the grants awarded under AS 14.11;

(14) establish, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, a school bus driver training course;

(15) require the reporting of information relating to school disciplinary and safety programs under AS 14.33.120 and of incidents of disruptive or violent behavior;

(16) establish by regulation criteria, based on low student performance, under which the department may intervene in a school district to improve instructional practices, as described in AS 14.07.030(a)(14) or (15); the regulations must include

(A) a notice provision that alerts the district to the deficiencies and the instructional practice changes proposed by the department;

(B) an end date for departmental intervention, as described in AS 14.07.030(a)(14)(A) and (B) and (15), after the district demonstrates three consecutive years of improvement consisting of not less than two percent increases in student proficiency on standards-based assessments in language arts and mathematics, as provided in AS 14.03.123(f)(1)(A); and

(C) a process for districts to petition the department for

continuing or discontinuing the department's intervention;

(17) notify the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education before intervening in a school district under AS 14.07.030(a)(14) or redirecting public school funding under AS 14.07.030(a)(15);

(18) using funds available for that purpose, collaborate with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide financial and technical support to school districts creating, expanding, or operating concurrent career and technical education programs under AS 14.35.100 - 14.35.130, including pre-apprenticeship and school-to-apprenticeship programs.

* Sec. 3. AS 14.07.168 is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

(4) a summary of the concurrent career and technical education programs established under AS 14.35.100 - 14.35.130, including

(A) the number of students participating in the programs;

(B) the types of courses in which students have enrolled;

(C) the total number of credits that students have earned;

(D) the number of certificates earned by, and the extent of progress toward certification of, program participants while enrolled in a public secondary school; and

(E) a comparison of program participant graduation rates

1 with the graduation rates of nonparticipants.

2 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.35 is amended by adding new sections to read:

3 **Article 2. Concurrent Career and Technical Education Programs.**

4 **Sec. 14.35.100. State policy.** It is the policy of this state to provide public
5 secondary school students who are at least 14 years of age the opportunity to
6 participate in concurrent career and technical education programs, including
7 vocational education, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, work-based learning, and on-
8 the-job experience programs. A participating school district shall adopt a policy
9 allowing a student to earn secondary school credit in science, math, engineering, or
10 another applicable course for experience obtained through a contracted concurrent
11 career and technical education program.

12 **Sec. 14.35.105. Program contracts.** (a) A school district may elect to develop
13 concurrent career and technical education programs within the school district and
14 negotiate contracts with agencies providing vocational education, pre-apprenticeship,
15 apprenticeship, work-based learning, or on-the-job experience programs for students
16 enrolled in a public secondary school.

17 (b) A contract entered into under this section must include

- 18 (1) a description of the program, including the program curriculum;
19 (2) the number of eligible students who may participate in the program
20 each year;
21 (3) the tuition paid by the school district for each student for program
22 participation, including whether the agency will provide scholarships and fee waivers
23 to reduce the cost for a participating school district;
24 (4) a requirement that agency instructors comply with AS 14.35.125;
25 (5) a statement from the school district that it will request issuance of a
26 certificate for eligible agency instructors;
27 (6) if applicable, a statement that all instruction provided in the
28 program meets industry standards for credit toward certification based on agency
29 accredited national, regional, or programmatic instruction standards, or toward a
30 requirement for a professional license issued by the Department of Commerce,
31 Community, and Economic Development;

(7) the method by which the program will credit a student for coursework in the program and how that credit will satisfy the credit requirements for students concurrently in a public secondary school;

(8) program policies and procedures;

(9) the location and description of the agency;

(10) a statement that the agency will comply with all state and federal requirements for receipt and use of public money;

(11) a termination clause providing that the school district may terminate the contract for an agency's failure to meet the program's educational goals or for other good cause; and

(12) other requirements agreed on by the agency and the department.

(c) A contract under this section must provide for participation by a student who is eligible under AS 14.35.115.

(d) A school district shall promptly pay an agency providing a program according to the terms of the contract entered into under this section.

Sec. 14.35.110. Program list. A school district shall annually compile and publish on the school district's Internet website a list of concurrent vocational education, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, work-based learning, and on-the-job experience programs that the school district contracts with to provide concurrent career and technical education.

Sec. 14.35.115. Student enrollment. (a) A student is eligible to participate in a concurrent career and technical education program if the student

(1) is enrolled in a public school in the state;

(2) has completed eighth grade;

(3) is at least 14 years of age;

(4) has not received a high school diploma; and

(5) complies with the program requirements.

(b) If the number of applications for a program exceeds the capacity of the program or age group, the school district shall select students by random drawing.

Sec. 14.35.120. Program information. A school district that elects to participate in a concurrent career and technical education program shall provide

students and parents of students in grades eight through 12 with information to ensure that the students and parents are aware of program opportunities. The information must describe the

(1) process used by the school district to award secondary school credit for completing vocational education, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, work-based learning, and on-the-job experience programs;

(2) availability of program course offerings;

(3) benefits of participating in career and technical education while in secondary school;

(4) availability of support services; and

(5) academic and social responsibilities associated with participating in the program.

Sec. 14.35.125. Instructor certification. A person may not instruct students in a concurrent vocational education, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, work-based learning, or on-the-job experience program unless the person possesses a valid teaching certificate issued under AS 14.20.010 - 14.20.040 and, if providing vocational education, holds industry standard master skill certification or the equivalent in the area of instruction.

Sec. 14.35.130. Definition. In AS 14.35.100 - 14.35.130, "school district" means a borough school district, a city school district, or a regional educational attendance area.

* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.40.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(c) In addition to the reports required under (a) and (b) of this section, during the first regular session of each legislature, the Board of Regents or its designee shall provide to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education a biennial presentation describing the efforts made by the University of Alaska to collaborate with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide credit for concurrent career and technical education programs.

* **Sec. 6.** AS 23.05.060 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(b) The department shall collaborate with the Department of Education and Early Development to support school districts creating, expanding, or operating

1 concurrent career and technical education programs under AS 14.35.100 - 14.35.130,
2 including pre-apprenticeship and school-to-apprenticeship programs.

3 * **Sec. 7.** AS 23.10.330(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) AS 23.10.325 - 23.10.370 do not prohibit employment of a child under the
5 direct supervision of an adult [A] parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle in a
6 business owned and operated by the adult parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or
7 uncle or the work of a child on a boat owned and operated by the adult parent,
8 sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle of the child.

9 * **Sec. 8.** AS 23.10.332(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Except for employment exempted under AS 23.10.330 and other
11 employment specifically exempted by regulations adopted by the department, a minor
12 under 16 [17] years of age may not be employed or allowed to work without the
13 written authorization of the commissioner unless authorized under AS 23.10.360 or
14 under (c) of this section.

15 * **Sec. 9.** AS 23.10.340(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) A minor under 16 years of age may not be employed for more than a
17 combined total of nine hours school attendance and employment in one day. If
18 employed, the minor's work may be performed only between 5 a.m. and 10 p.m. [9
19 P.M.] Employment outside school hours may not exceed 23 hours in one week,
20 domestic work and baby-sitting excepted.

21 * **Sec. 10.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2022.