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Senate Bill 225

Teacher Apprenticeship Programs

Sectional Analysis for version G

- Sec. 1 Adds creating a teacher pre-apprenticeship program to the department of education duties. This expands the educator pipeline into high school to prepare for entry into the apprenticeship program created under section 8.
- Sec. 2 Creates a Teacher Residency Program within the department of education, including a new teacher residency teaching certificate.
- Sec. 3 Amends the Alaska studies and multicultural education course requirements for teacher certification to include alternative training approved by the State Board of Education. Also explicitly allows districts to adopt a more stringent training requirement if the board requirements are not sufficient to the district.
- Sec. 4 Authorizes the State Board of Education to provide alternative ways for teacher candidates to demonstrate competency while pursuing certification.
- Sec. 5 Authorizes the State Board of Education to provide alternative pathways to teacher certification and provides teachers working under a subject-matter expert certificate more time to meet the requirements for full certification.
- Sec. 6 Provides teachers working under a subject-matter expert certificate more time to meet the requirements for full certification.
- Sec. 7 Conforming change to the additional year provided in sections 4 and 5.
- Sec. 8 Ensures that the board maintains standards for the approval of nontraditional and

alternative programs that are comparable to existing standards.

- Sec. 9 Updates the limited teacher certificate language to recognize the ubiquitous availability of online degree programs.
- Sec. 10 Establishes a Teacher Apprenticeship Program at the Department of Education and Early Development. Also creates a new fund to provide grants to districts and nonprofits advancing efforts to improve Alaska's teacher recruitment and retention numbers.
- Sec. 11 Adds the new apprenticeship program fund to the list of non-general fund accounts in AS 37.05.146(c).
- Sec. 12 Repeals the following:
- AS 14.20.220, which limits service credit for teaching out-of-state
 - AS 14.20.022(c), which requires a competency exam for a subject-matter expert certificate. This requirement was moved into AS 14.20.022(b) by section 4 of the bill.
 - AS 14.16.050(a)(3)(C), which is a direct reference to AS 14.20.220 (repealed in this bill)
- Sec. 13 Requires the department of education to conduct a study on teacher housing needs.

Please contact the Education Committee Aide, Ed King at 465-4843, with any questions or concerns.