



# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### House Bill 132 Sectional Analysis – Version F

#### Section 1:

*Uncodified law.*

Creates a Short Title: “This Act may be known as the Alaska Apprenticeship Expansion Act.”

#### Section 2:

*AS 14.07.020(a). Duties of the department.*

Adds to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development that they must collaborate with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development to provide financial and technical support to school districts creating or expanding school to apprenticeship programs or concurrent secondary education and apprenticeship programs.

#### Section 3:

*AS 14.07.168. Report to the Legislature.*

Includes that the Department of Education and Early Development provide a report to the legislature that encompasses a summary of the concurrent career and technical education programs established under AS 14.35.100 – AS 14.35.30 to include the number of students participating in the programs, the types of courses in which students have enrolled, the total number of credits that students have earned, the total number of certificates earned, and a comparison of program participant graduation rates with the graduation rates of nonparticipants.

#### Section 4

*AS 14.35. Chapter 35. Vocational Education.*

Adds seven new sections to AS 14.35. Each new section is described below:

#### Article 2. Concurrent Career and Technical Education Programs.

##### Sec. 14.35.100. State policy.

Creates the policy that Alaska will provide public secondary school students over 14 years of age the opportunity to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs from nonsectarian agencies providing industry-standard instruction.

**Sec. 14.35.105. Program contracts.**

Allows a school district to elect to develop concurrent career and technical education programs within the school district, in addition to negotiating contracts with agencies providing vocational education, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, work-based learning, or on-the-job experience programs for students enrolled in a public secondary school. This section outlines program requirements, including a description of a program and its curriculum, how many students can participate, how the program will be paid for, whether its tuition paid by the school district or scholarships and fee waivers, instructor requirements, student credit requirements and issuing, and a termination cause.

**Sec. 14.35.110. Program list.**

A school district must annually compile and publish on the school district's website a list of concurrent vocational education, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, work-based learning, and on-the-job trade experience programs that the school district contracts with.

**Sec. 14.35.115. Student enrollment.**

Students can participate in a concurrent career and technical education program if they are enrolled in a public school in the state, are at least 14 years of age, have not yet received a high school diploma, and comply with program requirements. If applicants exceed program capacity, the school district will select students by random drawing.

**Sec. 14.35.120. Program information.**

Participating school districts are directed to provide students and parents of students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade with information about program opportunities. Information must describe how the school district awards secondary school credit, which courses are available and offered, what the benefits of participating in career and technical education might be, and the academic and social responsibilities affiliated with participating in the program.

**Sec. 14.35.125. Instructor certification.**

An instructor of students in a concurrent vocational education, pre-apprenticeship, apprenticeship, work-based learning, or on-the-job experience program must possess a valid instructor certificate and an industry standard master skill certification or equivalent.

**Sec. 14.35.130. Definition.**

This section defines "school district" as "a borough school district, a city school district, or a regional education attendance area."

**Section 5:**

*AS.14.40.190(c). Duties and powers of the Board of Regents.*

Requires during the first regular session of each legislature that the Board of Regents or its designee provide to legislative committees having jurisdiction over education a presentation describing the efforts made by the University of Alaska to collaborate with the Department of Labor and Workforce Development in their efforts to provide credit for concurrent career and technical education programs.

**Section 6:**

*AS 23.05.060. Powers of the department.*

Adds a new subsection (b) to encourage that the Department of Labor and Workforce Development collaborate with the Department of Education and Early Development to support school districts in creating, expanding, or operating concurrent career and technical education programs, including pre-apprenticeship and school-to-apprenticeship programs.

**Section 7:**

*AS 23.10.330(a). Exempted employment.*

Amends the supervision requirements for an employed minor to include an adult relative, and defines “relative” as “a child’s mother, mother-in-law, father, father-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, grandparent, aunt, or uncle.

**Section 8:**

*AS 23.10.332(a). Authorization for children under 17 to work.*

Changes the allowable employment age for a minor from 17 to 16 years old.

**Section 9:**

*AS 23.10.340(a). Employment of children under 16.*

Changes the hours of the day minor’s work may be performed from 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM.

**Section 10:**

*Effective date.*

Provides for a July 1, 2022 effective date.