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Follow-up on Committee Member Comments

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Regarding the limited teacher certificate being created by HB 19, clarify what kind of training someone would be required to take to get one of these certificates; if these teachers would be “mandatory reporters” for abuse, and if they would need to receive training in this; and if they would be exempted from any training required for fully licensed/certified teachers.

All teachers, paraprofessionals, and school administrators are mandatory reporters.

In order to qualify for a teaching certificate issued on June 30, 2017, or after, an individual must be able to demonstrate that the following mandatory trainings have been completed.

Mandatory trainings:

- Sexual abuse awareness and prevention (AS 14.30.355)
- Alcohol or drug related disabilities (AS 14.20.680)
- Dating violence awareness and prevention (AS 14.30.356)
 - Only trainings approved by an Alaska public school district or the Department of Education & Early Development (DEED) will satisfy the requirements.
 - Trainings offered by universities and other organizations must be approved by DEED.
- Suicide awareness and prevention (AS 14.30.362)
 - As per statute, only trainings approved by DEED will satisfy this requirement. Visit [Suicide Prevention, Awareness, and Postvention](http://education.alaska.gov/tls/suicide) (education.alaska.gov/tls/suicide).

A variety of trainings have been created by DEED to meet the mandated trainings required for teacher certification. These courses are housed in the eLearning program available for educators on the [eLearning website](http://education.alaska.gov/ELearning) (education.alaska.gov/ELearning). The related courses include:

- Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse and Neglect
- Prenatal Alcohol and Drug Related Disabilities
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Training for Educators
- Suicide Awareness and Prevention
 - Part A: Suicide Awareness
 - Part B: Suicide Prevention
 - Part C: Suicide Intervention

Applicants for certification will need to provide evidence of the completion of the approved trainings. The following documents can be submitted as evidence of completion of the approved trainings:

- A record of training with signature of district superintendent or appointed designee or a dean of an accredited school of education;
- A certificate of completion from a training program approved by DEED (See eLearning courses below); or
- A Mandatory Training Record Form available on the DEED website.

More information about required district staff trainings are available at:

https://education.alaska.gov/elearning/pdf/RequiredDistrictStaffTrainings_FINAL.pdf