

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 146(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/17/97

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to competency testing requirements for secondary students; and
2 providing for an effective date."

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

4 * Section 1. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 Sec. 14.03.075. Secondary pupil competency testing. (a) A pupil may not
6 be issued a secondary school diploma unless the pupil passes a competency
7 examination in the areas of reading, English, and mathematics. The department shall
8 determine the form and contents of the examination and shall score completed
9 examinations. A pupil who fails to pass the examination required under this
10 subsection and who is no longer in attendance shall receive a certificate of attendance
11 from the school district indicating the years of attendance and that the pupil has not
12 passed a competency examination or received a diploma.

13 (b) A pupil who fails the examination required under this section may be
14 reexamined. A reexamination may not be offered more often than once every three

1 months and must occur within three years after the date the pupil is no longer in
2 attendance. A pupil who passes the reexamination and who meets any other
3 graduation requirements shall receive a diploma from the school district.

4 * **Sec. 2.** REQUIRED REPORT. By April 15, 1998, the Department of Education shall
5 provide a report to the legislature containing the standards used to prepare the competency
6 examination required under sec. 1 of this Act.

7 * **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2002.

8 * **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1997.