

SENATE BILL NO. 101

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Referred: Education, Health & Social Services

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**1 **"An Act relating to health and personal safety education."**2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**3 *** Section 1.** AS 14.03.120(d) is amended to read:

4 (d) Annually, before the date set by the district under (e) of this section, each
5 public school shall deliver to the department for posting on the department's Internet
6 website and provide, in a public meeting of parents, students, and community
7 members, a report on the school's performance and the performance of the school's
8 students. The report shall be prepared on a form prescribed by the department and
9 must include

- 10 (1) information on accreditation;
11 (2) results of norm-referenced achievement tests;
12 (3) results of state standards-based assessments in language arts and
13 mathematics;
14 (4) a description, including quantitative and qualitative measures, of
15 student, parent, community, and business involvement in student learning;

(5) a description of the school's attendance, retention, dropout, and graduation rates as specified by the state board;

(6) the annual percent of enrollment change, regardless of reason, and the annual percent of enrollment change due to student transfers into and out of the school district;

(7) if Native language education is provided, a summary and evaluation of the curriculum described in AS 14.30.420;

(8) the performance designation assigned the school under AS 14.03.123 and the methodology used to assign the performance designation, including the measures used and their relative weights;

(9) other information concerning school performance and the performance of the school's students as required by the state board in regulation; [AND]

(10) information on the number, attendance, and performance of students enrolled in the school whose parents or guardians are on active duty in the armed forces of the United States, the United States Coast Guard, the Alaska National Guard, the Alaska Naval Militia, or the Alaska State Defense Force; **and**

(11) a summary and evaluation of the curriculum used by the school for the health and personal safety education program required under AS 14.30.360(a), including

(A) the number of students in the school participating in the program;

(B) the frequency with which the school teaches the program; and

(C) the grades in which the program is taught.

* Sec. 2. AS 14.16.050(a) is amended to read:

(a) The following provisions apply with respect to the operation and management of a state boarding school as if it were a school district:

(1) requirements relating to school district operations:

(A) AS 14.03.030 - 14.03.050 (defining the school term, day in session, and school holidays);

1 (B) AS 14.03.083 - 14.03.140 (miscellaneous provisions
2 applicable to school district operations);

3 (C) regulations adopted by the board under authority of
4 AS 14.07.020(a) that are applicable to school districts and their schools, unless
5 the board specifically exempts state boarding schools from compliance with a
6 regulation;

7 (D) AS 14.12.150 (authorizing school districts to establish and
8 participate in the services of a regional resource center);

9 (E) AS 14.14.050 (imposing the requirement of an annual
10 audit);

11 (F) AS 14.14.110 (authorizing cooperation with other school
12 districts);

13 (G) AS 14.14.140(b) (establishing a prohibition on
14 employment of a relative of the chief school administrator);

15 (H) AS 14.18 (prohibiting discrimination based on sex in
16 public education);

17 (2) requirements relating to the public school funding program and the
18 receipt and expenditure of that funding:

19 (A) AS 14.17.500 (relating to student count estimates);

20 (B) AS 14.17.505 (relating to school operating fund balances);

21 (C) AS 14.17.500 - 14.17.910 (setting out the procedure for
22 payment of public school funding and imposing general requirements and
23 limits on money paid);

24 (3) requirements relating to teacher employment and retirement:

25 (A) AS 14.14.105 and 14.14.107 (relating to sick leave);

26 (B) AS 14.20.095 - 14.20.215 (relating to the employment and
27 tenure of teachers);

28 (C) AS 14.20.280 - 14.20.350 (relating to sabbatical leave
29 provisions for teachers);

30 (D) AS 23.40.070 - 23.40.260 (authorizing collective
31 bargaining by certificated employees), except with regard to teachers who are

administrators and except that the board may delegate some or all of its responsibilities under those statutes;

(E) AS 14.25 (provisions regarding the teachers' retirement system);

(4) requirements relating to students and educational programs:

(A) AS 14.30.180 - 14.30.350 (relating to educational services for children with disabilities);

(B) AS 14.30.360 - 14.30.370 (establishing health and personal safety education program standards);

(C) AS 14.30.400 - 14.30.410 (relating to bilingual and bicultural education).

* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.30.360(a) is amended to read:

(a) Each district in the state public school system shall provide [BE ENCOURAGED TO INITIATE AND CONDUCT] a program in health and personal safety education for kindergarten through grade 12. The program must [SHOULD] include instruction in physical health and personal safety, including alcohol and drug abuse education, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), early cancer prevention and detection, dental health, family health including infant care, environmental health, the identification and prevention of child abuse, child abduction, neglect, sexual abuse, and domestic violence, [AND] appropriate use of health services, and sexual health.

* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.30.360(b) is amended to read:

(b) The state board shall establish guidelines for the [A] health and personal safety education program. Personal safety guidelines shall be developed in consultation with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Upon request, the Department of Education and Early Development, the Department of Health, and the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault shall provide technical assistance to school districts in the development of personal safety curricula. A school health education specialist position shall be established and funded in the department to coordinate the program statewide. Adequate funds to enable curriculum and resource development, adequate consultation to school districts, and a program of teacher training in health and personal safety education shall be provided.

1 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.30.360(c) is amended to read:

2 (c) In addition to the health and personal safety education program
3 [ENCOURAGED UNDER (a) OF THIS SECTION], a school district shall establish
4 guidelines for schools in the district to provide opportunities during each full school
5 day for students in grades kindergarten through eight for a minimum of 90 percent of
6 the daily amount of physical activity recommended for children and adolescents in the
7 physical activity guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, United
8 States Department of Health and Human Services. The time provided for physical
9 activity under this subsection may include physical education classes and
10 opportunities for unstructured physical activity, such as recess. A school district shall
11 adopt guidelines under this subsection that

12 (1) allow a student to be excused from the physical activity
13 opportunities if the student is unable to participate for a medical reason; and

14 (2) provide an exemption from the physical activity opportunities
15 under this subsection for health and safety reasons, such as inclement weather.

16 * **Sec. 6.** AS 14.30.360 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17 (e) The health and personal safety education program must include
18 comprehensive sexual health education based on a curriculum that

19 (1) instructs students on human development, sexuality, and
20 reproduction, including instruction on abstinence, anatomy and physiology, consent,
21 contraception, healthy relationships, and the prevention of pregnancy and sexually
22 transmitted diseases;

23 (2) is appropriate to a student's age and development;

24 (3) teaches medically and scientifically accurate information that is
25 verified or supported by the weight of research in compliance with accepted scientific
26 methods, that is published in peer-reviewed journals, as appropriate, and that is
27 recognized as accurate and objective by professional organizations and agencies with
28 expertise in the field of sexual health;

29 (4) is consistent with the Future of Sex Education Initiative 2020
30 National Sex Education Standards: Core Content and Skills, K-12;

31 (5) teaches students abstinence as the most effective means of avoiding

1 sexually transmitted diseases and unintended pregnancy, but that also includes
2 materials and instruction on other forms of contraceptives and disease prevention;

3 (6) is inclusive of all students, regardless of gender, gender identity,
4 race, disability status, religion, or sexual orientation; and

5 (7) emphasizes that voluntary consent is required before sexual
6 activity; in this paragraph, "voluntary consent" means conscious and freely given
7 affirmative agreement to engage in sexual activity.

8 * **Sec. 7.** AS 14.30.370 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 14.30.370. Evaluation.** Health and personal safety education programs
10 conducted under AS 14.30.360 shall be evaluated by the department in the same
11 manner as other curriculum programs are evaluated, except that the evaluation shall
12 also include changes in the health status of the pupils as determined by physical and
13 dental examinations conducted under AS 14.30.070.

14 * **Sec. 8.** AS 14.30.361 is repealed.