

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2026 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 209  
Fiscal Note Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Identifier: SB209-EED-SSA-2-27-26  
Title: GRAD REQUIREMENTS & PROFICIENCY TOOLS  
Sponsor: BJORKMAN  
Requester: (S) Education

Department: Department of Education and Early Development  
Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services  
Allocation: Student and School Achievement  
OMB Component Number: 2796

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

|                               | FY2027<br>Appropriation<br>Requested | Included in<br>Governor's<br>FY2027<br>Request | Out-Year Cost Estimates |              |              |              |              |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
|                               |                                      |  | FY 2027                 | FY 2028      | FY 2029      | FY 2030      | FY 2031      | FY 2032      |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> |                                      |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Personal Services             | 284.0                                |  | 284.0                   | 284.0        | 284.0        | 284.0        | 284.0        | 284.0        |
| Travel                        | 5.0                                  |  | 5.0                     | 5.0          | 5.0          | 5.0          | 5.0          | 5.0          |
| Services                      | 2,069.0                              |  | 51.0                    | 51.0         | 51.0         | 51.0         | 51.0         | 51.0         |
| Commodities                   | 10.0                                 |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Capital Outlay                |                                      |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Grants & Benefits             |                                      |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| Miscellaneous                 |                                      |  |                         |              |              |              |              |              |
| <b>Total Operating</b>        | <b>2,368.0</b>                       | <b>0.0</b>                                     | <b>340.0</b>            | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

|                     |                |            |              |              |              |              |              |              |
|---------------------|----------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1004 Gen Fund (UGF) | 2,368.0        |            | 340.0        | 340.0        | 340.0        | 340.0        | 340.0        | 340.0        |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>2,368.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> | <b>340.0</b> |

**Positions**

|           |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----------|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Full-time | 2.0 |  | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Part-time |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |
| Temporary |     |  |     |     |     |     |     |     |

**Change in Revenues**

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2026) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2027) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
*(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 07/01/27

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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| Agency: Department of Education and Early Development        |                      |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

This bill directs the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) to adopt content standards for grades eight, 10, and 12 in economics, science, and social studies corresponding with high school graduation requirements added under this bill. Additionally, DEED would be required to develop statewide, end-of course assessments for economics, language arts, mathematics, science, and social studies for grades eight, 10, and 12.

This bill also adopts statewide high school graduation requirements for language arts; social studies, which must include one credit in the history of the United States, one-half unit credit in state history, one-half unit of credit in civics, and one-half unit of credit in economics; math; science; and health and physical education.

To meet the requirements of this bill, DEED would incur the following one-time costs:

- 1) \$600.0 for a facilitator to convene a work group of Alaska educators to draft economics standards and standards-aligned, end-of-course assessments for grades eight, 10, and 12.
- 2) \$1,400.0 (\$350.0 per content area) for subject matter experts and facilitators to convene work groups of Alaska educators to create standards aligned, end-of-course assessments for language arts, science, mathematics and social studies in grades eight, 10 and 12.
- 3) \$12.0 to develop, design, print, and ship a "seal of certified proficiency"
- 4) \$10.0 for supplies and equipment for two Education Specialist 2 Content Specialists
- 5) \$6.0 for regulations updates

To meet the requirements of this bill, DEED would incur the following annual costs:

- 1) \$284.0 for two Education Specialist 2 Content Specialists to support development of new standards and assessments, and to support districts in annual implementation requirements
- 2) \$5.0 annual travel costs for implementation and district support
- 3) \$46.0 for Employee Chargebacks for the two Education Specialist 2 Content Specialists
- 4) \$5.0 for printing and sending "seal of certified proficiency" annually