

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 228()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATOR RAUSCHER

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

**"An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development;
relating to public education; relating to opioid abuse awareness and prevention; and
relating to funds received from the national opioid settlement."**

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

*** Section 1.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.30.363. Opioid abuse awareness and prevention curriculum. (a)

The department shall develop an opioid abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for students in grades six through 12 relating to the dangers associated with, and the physical, psychological, and physiological consequences related to, opioid abuse and opioid addiction. The curriculum must provide at least 60 minutes of instruction annually relating to opioid abuse awareness and prevention, including

- (1) the dangers of using opioids, including drugs that may contain fentanyl;
- (2) awareness of opioids that target children, including drugs

1 containing fentanyl that are designed to look like candy;

2 (3) the science related to using opioids, including drugs that contain
3 fentanyl;

4 (4) prevention of opioid abuse, including safe use of opioid
5 prescription medications; and

6 (5) detection of early warning signs related to opioid addiction in
7 school-aged children.

8 (b) In developing the curriculum, the department shall consult with

9 (1) the Department of Health;

10 (2) state and tribal entities and state residents that have experience in
11 reducing, preventing, and responding to opioid overdoses, including overdoses caused
12 by drugs containing fentanyl; and

13 (3) family members of individuals who have had an opioid overdose,
14 including overdoses caused by drugs containing fentanyl.

15 (c) Each school district shall teach the curriculum

16 (1) to students in grades six through 12; and

17 (2) during, or as close as practicable to, the last week in October.

18 (d) In this section,

19 (1) "curriculum" means the opioid abuse awareness and prevention
20 curriculum described in (a) of this section;

21 (2) "drugs" has the meaning given in AS 47.37.270;

22 (3) "opioid" has the meaning given in AS 17.20.085(g);

23 (4) "opioid abuse" and "opioid addiction" mean

24 (A) a physiological or psychological dependency, or both, on
25 an opioid; or

26 (B) habitual lack of self-control in using opioids to the extent
27 that a person's health is substantially impaired or a person's social or economic
28 function is substantially disrupted;

29 (5) "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.

30 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
31 read:

1 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS. Within six months after the effective
2 date of this Act, the Department of Health shall present a proposal to the committee
3 established in the Department of Health that is responsible for advising the department on the
4 allocation of funds received from the national opioid settlement. The proposal must request
5 that the committee approve the allocation of funds received from the settlement to the
6 Department of Education and Early Development to develop the curriculum required under
7 AS 14.30.363, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act.