



## ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### **Sponsor Statement**

#### **CSSB 206 (HSS) SCHOOL SUICIDE POLICIES; FIREARM STORAGE**

SB 206 creates a firearm safe storage grant fund within the Alaska General Fund, to be administered by the Department of Administration. This grant fund will provide free firearm safe storage devices (including lockboxes, cable locks, and safes) to Alaskan families upon request.

This legislation allows school districts to adopt a plan to notify parents and guardians regarding incidences of harassment and bullying against their dependent child. It specifies that in this plan the school district shall provide parents and guardians with information on suicide prevention, crisis intervention resources, safe storage devices, and how to access a free safe storage device from the firearm safe storage grant fund.

Suicide prevention experts emphasize that reducing access to lethal means — particularly for adolescents experiencing crisis — saves lives. Research shows that when firearms are stored locked, unloaded, and separate from ammunition, the risk of youth suicide and unintentional injury declines significantly.

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