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CS for SENATE BILL 29 (FIN) *Civics Education in Alaska Schools*

SECTIONAL ANALYSIS ***(Version R)***

Sec. 1: AS 14.03.076, relating to public schools, adds a new section

- a. directing the State Board of Education & Early Development (SBOE) to develop curriculum and a related assessment based on the civics portion of the naturalization examination administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security for immigrants seeking U.S. citizenship. The curriculum and assessment must also include systems of Alaska Tribal government;
- b. requiring students to complete a semester course taught using the curriculum, or to pass the assessment established in (a) above in order to receive a high school diploma, with exceptions for students with a disability and who receive a waiver from their local school board;
- c. schools are to document on student transcripts when a student has passed the assessment, with the option for the student to retake the assessment repeatedly;
- d. a passing score is defined as correctly answering 70% or more on the civics assessment.

Sec. 2: Establishes an effective date of July 1, 2024.