

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

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### Sponsor Statement

#### SB 104

State statute requires each school district in Alaska to have their curriculum reviewed and approved by the State Board of Education every six years. This is a long, arduous, and expensive task that many school districts struggle with; often lacking adequate resources to work through the process.

The purpose of Senate Bill 104 is to provide the opportunity for all school districts to have access to the highest quality curriculum to improve educational outcomes for Alaskan students.

Senate Bill 104 will allow the Department of Education, in consultation with school districts, to find the best curriculum for English/Language Arts and Math from around the world. This new curriculum will be tested in five districts around Alaska, for two years, to determine its effectiveness. If the new curriculum improves student outcomes, the State Board of Education will review, approve, and adopt the curriculum for all school districts to use, if they so choose. The adopted curriculum will be placed in three tiers, with a monetary incentive for districts to adopt the first tier; the highest quality curriculum. This bill also aims to save school districts time and money by extending the requirement for curriculum review from every 6 years to every 10 years.

Senate Bill 104 is one more tool to help students achieve success. I appreciate your consideration and support of this legislation.