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Section 1 AS 14.07.030:

The Department may not require a school district to review their curriculum more than once in a 10-year period.

Section 2 AS 14.07.180:

- (a) The Board of Education must establish standards and a procedure for the review, ranking, and approval of math and English language arts curricula for school districts to use in each grade level.
- (b) The Department shall review math and English language arts curricula from Alaska, other states, and other countries. The department has until July 1, 2019 to identify the three best curricula in these subjects for each grade level and the best practices for teaching each subject.
- (c) The Board of Education shall approve curricula currently being used by the five best performing schools (two urban schools and three rural schools) according to the scores of the 2018 Performance Evaluation for Alaska's Schools assessments (PEAKS).
- (d) The Department may submit the curricula that they find to be the best (under section b), to the Board of Education for approval, if the Department deems the curricula appropriate, aligned with education standards, and results in improved academic achievement for students.
- (e) The Board may approve of the curricula submitted by the Department (under section d) as long as it is consistent with the standards established by the Board of education under (a) of this section. The Department shall rank the approved curricula in 3 tiers. Tier 1 is the curricula that the Department ranks the highest for each grade level.
- (f) The Department shall conduct a two-year pilot program beginning in the 2019 school year to test the appropriateness and effectiveness of the tier 1 curricula approved. The Department shall select 5 school districts to participate in the pilot program (at least 2 rural schools and 2 urban schools) and those districts will be given no more than a combined total of \$10 million to purchase and implement the curricula.

(g) If the Department deems the curricula appropriate and effective, the Department shall make the curricula and one-time incentive payments available to all school districts starting in school year 2021 and ending in the school year of 2023. If a school district chooses Tier 1, they will receive a one-time appropriation. This appropriation is available for all districts and shall not exceed a combined total of \$6,700,000 for all districts that apply each year. This incentive payment will be available for 3 years, however districts will only receive a one-time payment. The Department shall award incentive payments in the order of which the request is received. The incentive payment will not exceed 150xADM.

(h) The Department shall publish all curriculum currently used by all school districts, on the Department's website. Included in that curriculum will be the 3 tiers of the English language arts and math curriculum adopted.

(i) The Department shall submit an electronic report to the legislature providing information on the curricula that each school district has adopted.

(j) All payments for the pilot program and curricula adoption are subject to appropriation. This section provides the definitions for "rural", "school district" and "urban".

Sections 3-5 AS 14.08.111, AS 14.14.090, and AS 14.16.020:

Conforming language requiring school boards to review all textbooks and instructional materials at least once every 10 years.

Section 6 AS 14.07.180(f), 14.07.180(g), 14.07.180(j):

Repeals the pilot program and the one-time incentive payments on July 1, 2024.

Sec. 7 4 AAC 05.080(e):

Annuls the regulatory requirement of a local school board having to evaluate their curriculum every 6 years.