

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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SENATE DISTRICT G

## SB 41: Mental Health Education

### Sectional Analysis – Version A

#### **Section 1-** Adds a new section to 14.03.016(a)

**Legislative Intent:** It is the intent of the legislature that the board of Education and Early Development develop guidelines for instruction in mental health in consultation with the Department of Health, the Department of Family and community Services, regional tribal health organizations, and representatives of national and state mental health organizations.

#### **Section 2-** Adds a new subsection to 14.03.016(a)- *A parent's right to direct the education of the parent's child.*

(7) Provides for notification of parents or guardians no less than two weeks before a class or program may provide mental health instruction a child.

#### **Section 3-** Amends AS 14.30.360(a) *Health education curriculum; physical activity guidelines.*

Amended to add mental health to the K-12 Health education curriculum, putting mental and physical health equal weight.

#### **Section 4-** Amends AS 14.30.360(b)- *Health education curriculum; physical activity guidelines.*

Amended to include board establishment of guidelines for developmentally appropriate instruction in mental health. In developing these developmentally appropriate guidelines the state board shall consult with the Department of Health (DoH), the Department of Family and Community Services (DFCS), regional tribal health organizations, and national and state mental health organizations.

#### **Section 5-** Adds a new section to AS 14.30.360(b),

**Report to the Legislature:** Two years after the effective date of this Act, the state Board of Education and Early Development shall submit a report to the Senate and House and notify the legislature that the report is available. The report must

(1) include a copy of the guidelines for developmentally appropriate instruction in mental health developed by the Board as required under AS 14.30.360(b), as amended by sec. 4 of this Act; and

(2) describe the process the Board used to develop the guidelines.

#### **Section 6-** Adds a new section to AS 14.30.360(b),

**Transition:** The state Board of Education and Early Development shall develop the mental health guidelines required by AS 14.30.360(b), as amended by sec. 4 of this Act, within two years after the effective date of this Act.

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