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## HB 52: Alaska Voluntary Pre-Elementary Program Sectional Analysis

**"An Act relating to providing a pre-elementary program within a school district; and providing for the certification of early childhood education plans."**

### **Section 1.**

Adds to AS 14.03.060(e) that elementary schools shall also consist of a pre-elementary program for children 3-5 years of age provided by a school district.

### **Section 2.**

Adds a new subsection to AS 14.03.080 that establishes a child may enter a public school pre-elementary program if they are three years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> following the beginning of the school year and under school age.

### **Section 3.**

Adds to the definition of a "pre-elementary school" under AS 14.07.020(c) a pre-elementary program that is provided by a school district.

### **Section 4.**

Adds to the duties of the Board of Education and Early Development under 14.07.165(a) the adoption of regulations for the certification and implementation of a statewide plan to establish an effective means for providing early childhood education through the creation of a model curriculum. The plan must include a cost-effective alternative to the pre-elementary program, provided by a school district under AS 14.17.905(a)(2)(A).

### **Section 5.**

Adds to the facilities constituting a school under AS 14.17.905(a)(2)(A) the requirement of a pre-elementary program provided by a school district in communities with an average daily membership of at least 101, but not more than 425.

### **Section 6.**

Adds a new subsection to 14.17.905 that prevents school districts from including students in their average daily membership who are enrolled in a program that complies with AS 14.07.165(5) or who receive funding other than funding from AS 14.17.