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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 1st 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 sitewide 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.