

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES KAWASAKI, Fansler, Tuck, Parish, Spohnholz

Introduced: 1/18/17

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.060(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) In addition to the grades enumerated in (a) of this section, an elementary
6 school consists of a pre-elementary program supervised by the department under
7 AS 14.07.020(a)(8), operated by the department as a head start program under
8 AS 14.38.010, **provided by a school district for students three through five years**
9 **of age,** or located in a public school [FOR FEDERAL FUNDING PURPOSES.
10 EXCEPT FOR A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY WHO IS RECEIVING SPECIAL
11 EDUCATION OR RELATED SERVICES UNDER AS 14.30.180 - 14.30.350, PRE-
12 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MAY NOT BE COUNTED IN A SCHOOL'S
13 AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP UNDER AS 14.17].

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

(g) A child who is three years of age on or before September 1 following the beginning of the school year and who is under school age may enter a public school pre-elementary program.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.07.020(c) is amended to read:

(c) In this section, "pre-elementary school" means a school for children [AGES] three through five years **of age** if the school's primary function is educational, **and a pre-elementary program that is provided by a school district.**

* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.07.165(a) is amended to read:

(a) The board shall adopt

(1) statewide goals and require each governing body to adopt written goals that are consistent with local needs;

(2) regulations regarding the application for and award of grants under AS 14.03.125;

(3) regulations implementing provisions of AS 14.11.014(b);

(4) regulations requiring approval by the board before a charter school, state boarding school, or a public school may provide domiciliary services;

(5) **regulations for the certification and implementation of a statewide plan to establish an effective means for providing early childhood education using the model curriculum developed by the department under AS 14.07.030(13); the plan must provide for a cost-efficient alternative to a pre-elementary program provided by a school district under AS 14.17.905(a)(2)(A)**
[REPEALED].

* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.17.905(a) is amended to read:

(a) For purposes of this chapter, the determination of the number of schools in a district is subject to the following:

(1) a community with an ADM of at least 10, but not more than 100, shall be counted as one school;

(2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 425, shall be counted as

(A) one elementary school, which includes those students in grades kindergarten through six, **and, except as provided in (c) of this**

1 section, a pre-elementary program provided by a school district for
2 students three through five years of age; and

3 (B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades
4 seven through 12;

5 (3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 425, each facility that
6 is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except that each
7 alternative school with an ADM of less than 175 shall be counted as a part of the
8 school in the district with the highest ADM.

9 * **Sec. 6.** AS 14.17.905 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) A school district may not include in the average daily membership of a
11 school students who are three through five years of age if the students are enrolled in a
12 program that

13 (1) complies with a statewide plan for implementing the model
14 curriculum for early childhood education under AS 14.07.165(5); and

15 (2) receives funding other than funding under this chapter.