

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 214(FIN)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Offered:**Referred:**

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES DRUMMOND, Millett, Claman, Tarr, Grenn, Kito, Neuman, Gara, LeDoux, Eastman, Tilton, Rauscher, Seaton, Kawasaki, Reinbold, Josephson, Johnson, Spohnholz, Sullivan-Leonard, Birch, Parish, Wool, Kopp, Johnston, Pruitt, Tuck, Guttenberg, Saddler

SENATORS Costello, Begich, Hughes, Gardner, Egan, Wielechowski, Wilson, Meyer, Micciche, Stevens, Bishop, von Imhof, Shower, Olson

A BILL**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to**
2 **dating violence and abuse training, awareness, prevention, and notices; and establishing**
3 **the month of February as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 14.30.356(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

6 (a) The department, in consultation with school districts, shall develop and
7 approve a program relating to teen dating violence and abuse awareness and
8 prevention for grades seven through 12. The program must

9 (1) include training for employees and students;

10 (2) provide parent notices; and

11 (3) be reviewed periodically by a qualified individual or committee for
12 consistency with generally accepted standards for a teen dating violence and abuse
13 awareness and prevention program.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30.356(b) is amended to read:

(b) The [POLICY,] training, notices, and instruction adopted under this section must include

- (1) age-appropriate information;
- (2) the warning signs of dating violence and abusive behavior;
- (3) characteristics of healthy relationships;
- (4) measures to prevent and stop dating violence and abuse;
- (5) community resources available to victims of dating violence and

(6) a procedure allowing a student to be excused from participating in training or from receiving notices under this section at the written request of a parent or guardian of the student, or of the student if the student is emancipated or 18 years of age or older.

* **Sec. 3.** AS 44.12 is amended by adding a new section to article 2 to read:

Sec. 44.12.160. Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.

The month of February each year is established as Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month. Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month may be observed by schools, community groups, and other public and private agencies and individuals with appropriate activities that increase the public's awareness of teen dating violence in the state, encourage Alaskans to pursue healthy relationships and learn the signs of teen dating violence, and promote prevention of and action to end teen dating violence.

* **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read:

BREE MOORE TEEN DATING VIOLENCE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM. A program approved by the Department of Education and Early Development under AS 14.30.356, as amended by this Act, shall be known as the Bree Moore Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Program.