



SB 206

Version A Sectional Analysis

Section 1 – Amends school safety and discipline statute at AS 14.33.220(b) to require that a school employee, student, or volunteer who witnesses or has reliable information regarding harassment, intimidation, or bullying report the incident to a child advocacy center in addition to an appropriate school official. This section also defines "child advocacy center" by referencing AS 47.17.033(1).

Section 2 – Adds a new section AS 14.33.240 "Parental notification" to safety and school discipline statutes. This section authorizes school districts to adopt a plan to notify parents or guardians about incidents of harassment, intimidation, bullying, or suicide threats involving their student. If a district provides such notification, it must also provide suicide prevention resources and information on limiting access to lethal means, securely storing firearms and medications, and requesting free safe storage devices from the firearm safe storage grant fund.

Section 3 – Amends AS 44.29.350 by adding a new subsection (b). This section authorizes the council to advise school districts on appropriate materials and reference lists that districts may provide to parents or guardians when notifying them of incidents under AS 14.33.240.

Section 4 – Adds a new section AS 44.41.080 to establish the "firearm safe storage grant fund" within the general fund. This section directs the Department of Public Safety to manage the fund and use it to purchase and distribute firearm safe storage devices (such as lock boxes, safes, or cable locks) to school districts at no cost. It specifies that the fund consists of appropriations, grants, and donations, and that money in the fund does not lapse.

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