

SENATE BILL NO. 210

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATORS TOBIN, Gray-Jackson, Dunbar

Introduced: 1/21/26

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to the recognition of Indigenous cultures in public education."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.015 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (b) It is the policy of the state that

5 (1) every state resident be encouraged to learn about the distinct and
6 unique cultural heritages of Alaska Natives and American Indians in a culturally
7 responsive manner;

8 (2) when providing instruction, implementing an educational goal, or
9 adopting a rule related to the education of state residents, a local educational
10 institution work cooperatively with tribes in the state or tribes in close proximity to the
11 state to include information specific to the cultural heritages and contemporary
12 contributions of Alaska Natives and American Indians, with particular emphasis on
13 Alaska Native and American Indian tribal groups and governments in the state; and

14 (3) all school personnel have an understanding and awareness of
15 Alaska Native and American Indian tribes to help personnel relate effectively with

1 Alaska Native and American Indian students and parents; every local educational
2 institution shall consult and contract with local tribal entities to provide the means by
3 which school personnel will gain an understanding of and appreciation for Alaska
4 Native and American Indian people.