

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



**SENATOR GARY STEVENS**

## **Sponsor Statement for SB 241**

*"An Act relating to a report to the legislature on teacher preparation, retention, and recruitment by the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska."*

SB 241 is the product of intensive work by the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force. The Task Force's Report, published on September 1, 2007, features 5 pieces of legislation being forwarded to the Legislature to change certain components to Alaska's state education policy. SB 241 represents a desire by the Task Force to improve the dialogue between two of our state agencies with key roles in education delivery.

The University of Alaska educates and trains Alaska's resident teacher workforce. The Department of Education & Early Development employs them in our schools. The Task Force is recommending that the University be required to provide an annual report to the Legislature documenting their efforts and degree of success in training teachers and in assisting Alaska schools districts to attract and retain qualified teachers.

I encourage your support for the efforts made by the Joint Legislative Education Funding Task Force in presenting the Legislature with legislation reflecting considerable collaboration and compromise. Thank you for considering SB 241.



# LAWS OF ALASKA

**2008**

**Source**

HCS CSSB 241(HES)

**Chapter No.**

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**AN ACT**

Relating to a report to the legislature on teacher preparation, retention, and recruitment by the Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date.

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

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## AN ACT

1 Relating to a report to the legislature on teacher preparation, retention, and recruitment by the  
2 Board of Regents of the University of Alaska; and providing for an effective date.

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4 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.40.190 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (b) In addition to the report required under (a) of this section, the Board of  
6 Regents shall prepare and present to the legislative committees having jurisdiction  
7 over education an annual report, not later than the 30th legislative day of each regular  
8 session of the legislature, titled "Alaska's University for Alaska's Schools" that  
9 describes the efforts of the university to attract, train, and retain qualified public  
10 school teachers. The report must include an outline of the university's current and  
11 future plans to close the gap between known teacher employment vacancies in the  
12 state and the number of state residents who complete teacher training. The information  
13 reported under this subsection may also include short-term and five-year strategies



1 with accompanying fiscal notes and outcome measures.

2 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.40.190(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

3 (b) In addition to the report required under (a) of this section, the Board of  
4 Regents shall prepare and present to the legislative committees having jurisdiction  
5 over education a biennial report, not later than the 30th legislative day of the first  
6 session of each legislature, titled "Alaska's University for Alaska's Schools" that  
7 describes the efforts of the university to attract, train, and retain qualified public  
8 school teachers. The report must include an outline of the university's current and  
9 future plans to close the gap between known teacher employment vacancies in the  
10 state and the number of state residents who complete teacher training. The information  
11 reported under this subsection may also include short-term and five-year strategies  
12 with accompanying fiscal notes and outcome measures.

13 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.40.250 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 14.40.250. Regents to act as trustees and administer money or**  
15 **property.** The Board of Regents may receive, manage, and invest money or other real,  
16 personal, or mixed property for the purpose of the University of Alaska, its  
17 improvement or adornment, or the aid or advantage of students or faculty, and, in  
18 general, may act as trustee on behalf of the University of Alaska for any of these  
19 purposes. The regents shall prepare a written report, in accordance with  
20 **AS 14.40.190(a)** [AS 14.40.190], as to the administration and disposition of money  
21 received under this section.

22 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 37.25.010(d) is amended to read:

23 (d) The University of Alaska shall, in the report required under  
24 **AS 14.40.190(a)** [AS 14.40.190], report the amount of university receipts received in  
25 one year and expended in the succeeding fiscal year.

26 \* **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2012.