

**HOUSE BILL NO. 21**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVES PEGGY WILSON, TAMMIE WILSON, AND KREISS-TOMKINS

Introduced: 1/16/13

Referred: Education, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1    **"An Act relating to the length of a school week; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3       \* **Section 1.** The uncoded law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
4 to read:

5           SCHOOL WEEK; PILOT PROJECT. (a) Notwithstanding the requirements of  
6 AS 14.03.030 and 14.03.040, the board shall approve, at the request of the governing body of  
7 a school district, a school week consisting of four days for a period not to exceed three school  
8 years if the school district, within 30 days after the effective date of this Act,

9                   (1) provides proof satisfactory to the board that students enrolled in the district  
10 will receive the educational equivalent of a five-day school week;

11                   (2) has involved affected students, teachers, and the community in requesting  
12 a four-day school week;

13                   (3) submits public comment to the board that demonstrates majority  
14 community support for the request; and

15                   (4) agrees to file quarterly reports to the Department of Education and Early

1 Development of the effects on student and teacher performance of the four-day school week.

2 (b) The board may approve a four-day school week under this section for not more  
3 than one school district, based on the best interests of affected students and the timing of a  
4 request received by the board that meets the requirements in (a) of this section.

5 (c) On or before January 15 of each year in which a four-day school week is in effect  
6 in a school district, the board shall file a report with the legislative committees whose primary  
7 responsibility is education on the progress and performance ratings of a school district  
8 approved for a four-day school week under this section. The report must include a comparison  
9 of the performance ratings of the school district before and after the implementation of the  
10 four-day school week.

11 (d) In this section,

12 (1) "board" means the state Board of Education and Early Development;

13 (2) "school district" has the meaning given to "district" in AS 14.17.990.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** Section 1 of this Act is repealed June 30, 2018.

15 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.