

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 162(EDC) am**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Amended: 4/4/13**

**Offered: 3/28/13**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES TAMMIE WILSON, Feige, Gattis**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1   **"An Act relating to tenure of public school teachers; and providing for an effective**  
2   **date."**

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

4    \* **Section 1.** AS 14.20.147(b) is amended to read:

5           (b) When a school operated by a federal agency is transferred to or absorbed  
6       into a new or existing school district, the teachers shall also be transferred if mutually  
7       agreed by the teacher or teachers and the school board of the new or existing district.  
8       A teacher transferred from a federal agency school that does not have an official salary  
9       schedule or teacher tenure in the same manner as a public school district in the state  
10      shall be placed on a position on the salary schedule of the absorbing district; the salary  
11      may not be less than the teacher would have received in the federal agency school. If  
12      the teacher taught five [THREE] or more years in the federal agency school and, at the  
13      time of transfer, had a valid Alaska teaching certificate, that teacher shall be placed on  
14      tenure in the absorbing district.

1     \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20.150(a) is amended to read:

2             (a) Except as provided in (c), [OR] (d), or (f) of this section, a teacher  
3             acquires tenure rights in a district when the teacher

4                     (1) possesses a valid teaching certificate that authorizes the teacher to  
5             be employed as a certificated teacher or as an administrator under regulations adopted  
6             by the department;

7                     (2) has been employed as a teacher in the same district continuously  
8             for five [THREE] full school years;

9                     (3) receives, in the fifth [THIRD] year of any five-year [THREE-  
10            YEAR] period of continuous employment with the district, an evaluation under the  
11            district's evaluation system stating that the teacher's performance meets the district  
12            performance standards; and

13                    (4) on or before October 15 of the school year,

14                             (A) accepts a contract for employment as a teacher in the  
15             district for a sixth [FOURTH] consecutive school year; and

16                             (B) performs a day of teaching services in the district during  
17             that school year.

18     \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.20.150 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

19             (f) For teachers employed by a rural school district, the years of employment  
20             required to acquire tenure rights as provided in (a) of this section shall be reduced by  
21             two years. In this subsection, "rural school district" means a regional educational  
22             attendance area or a school district located in a small borough or first class city with a  
23             population of less than 5,500.

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

26             APPLICABILITY. Sections 1 - 3 of this Act apply to a contract or collective  
27     bargaining agreement that becomes legally binding on or after the effective date of secs. 1 - 3  
28     of this Act.

29     \* **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).