

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 163(EDC)**

**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**

**TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**Offered:**

**Referred:**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE WILSON**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**"An Act relating to school fundraisers; and providing for an effective date."**

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

**\* Section 1.** AS 14.07.020(a) is amended to read:

(a) The department shall

(1) exercise general supervision over the public schools of the state except the University of Alaska;

(2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of the state, adopt or recommend plans, administer and evaluate grants to improve school performance awarded under AS 14.03.125, and adopt regulations for the improvement of the public schools;

(3) provide advisory and consultative services to all public school governing bodies and personnel;

(4) prescribe by regulation a minimum course of study for the public schools; the regulations must provide that, if a course in American Sign Language is given, the course shall be given credit as a course in a foreign language;

1           (5) establish, in coordination with the Department of Health and Social  
2 Services, a program for the continuing education of children who are held in detention  
3 facilities in the state during the period of detention;

4           (6) accredit those public schools that meet accreditation standards  
5 prescribed by regulation by the department; these regulations shall be adopted by the  
6 department and presented to the legislature during the first 10 days of any regular  
7 session, and become effective 45 days after presentation or at the end of the session,  
8 whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of  
9 the members of each house;

10          (7) prescribe by regulation, after consultation with the state fire  
11 marshal and the state sanitarian, standards that will ensure [ASSURE] healthful and  
12 safe conditions in the public and private schools of the state, including a requirement  
13 of physical examinations and immunizations in pre-elementary schools; the standards  
14 for private schools may not be more stringent than those for public schools;

15          (8) exercise general supervision over pre-elementary schools that  
16 receive direct state or federal funding;

17          (9) exercise general supervision over elementary and secondary  
18 correspondence study programs offered by municipal school districts or regional  
19 educational attendance areas; the department may also offer and make available to any  
20 Alaskan through a centralized office a correspondence study program;

21          (10) accredit private schools that request accreditation and that meet  
22 accreditation standards prescribed by regulation by the department; nothing in this  
23 paragraph authorizes the department to require religious or other private schools to be  
24 licensed;

25          (11) review plans for construction of new public elementary and  
26 secondary schools and for additions to and major rehabilitation of existing public  
27 elementary and secondary schools and, in accordance with regulations adopted by the  
28 department, determine and approve the extent of eligibility for state aid of a school  
29 construction or major maintenance project; for the purposes of this paragraph, "plans"  
30 include educational specifications, schematic designs, projected energy consumption  
31 and costs, and final contract documents;

(12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of vocational education and training, and basic education to individuals over 16 years of age who are no longer attending school;

(13) administer the grants awarded under AS 14.11;

(14) establish, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, a school bus driver training course;

(15) require the reporting of information relating to school disciplinary and safety programs under AS 14.33.120 and of incidents of disruptive or violent behavior;

(16) establish by regulation criteria, based on low student performance, under which the department may intervene in a school district to improve instructional practices, as described in AS 14.07.030(14) or (15); the regulations must include

(A) a notice provision that alerts the district to the deficiencies and the instructional practice changes proposed by the department;

(B) an end date for departmental intervention, as described in AS 14.07.030(14)(A) and (B) and (15), after the district demonstrates three consecutive years of improvement consisting of not less than two percent increases in student proficiency on standards-based assessments in language arts and mathematics, as provided in AS 14.03.123(f)(2)(A); and

(C) a process for districts to petition the department for continuing or discontinuing the department's intervention;

(17) notify the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education before intervening in a school district under AS 14.07.030(14) or redirecting public school funding under AS 14.07.030(15); [.]

(18) authorize schools to approve up to five fundraisers of not more than three days each semester involving the sale of foods that do not meet the food nutrition standards under 42 U.S.C. 1779 for each group, sports team, or club in a school and allow school districts to request authorization to approve additional fundraisers. [REPEALED]

\* Sec. 2. This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).