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University of Alaska Accreditation Reporting Requirements

EXPLANATION OF CHANGES

From Version A to Version M

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Section 1 & 2: Conforming Report Recipients

For consistency with other various reporting requirements of state agencies, both the existing requirement for reporting on UA teacher training, and the new UA accreditation report are required to be submitted to the Legislature (Senate Secretary / House Chief Clerk) by the 30th legislative day. The reports are subsequently to be presented in a formal hearing setting to the education committees:

- a. The teachers report remaining biennial (beginning of each new Legislature)
- b. The accreditation report being submitted semiannually, twice per year:
 - i. By the 30th legislative day (approx. Feb 15)
 - ii. Approx. 6 months later, on or by August 15

Section 2: Report Detail

Language detailing report content was amended to align with common terms used in academia as regards accreditation, and cross referenced from:

- a. a current report submitted to the Board of Regents, disaggregating report components;
- b. the fiscal note, citing existing Board of Regents policy (P10.06.010).

The intent of the changes in this section is to make this new reporting requirement fairly align with what is currently reported to the Board of Regents, broadening the awareness of such reports to include the legislature.

Reporting detail calls for particular emphasis on any potential loss of accreditation in the future.