

**AMENDMENT**

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TO: HB 24

BY REPRESENTATIVE HANNAN

Page 1, line 4, through page 2, line 21:

Delete all material and insert:

**"\* Section 1.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

**Sec. 14.20.024. World language expert limited teacher certificate.** (a)

Notwithstanding AS 14.20.020, a person may be issued a world language expert limited teacher certificate, valid only in the instructional language in which the person has expertise, upon compliance with the requirements of this section. A world language expert teacher may only be employed to teach in the language in which the person has satisfied the education or experience requirements set out in (b)(1) of this section.

(b) To be eligible for a world language expert limited teacher certificate, a person shall

(1) hold at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education accredited by a recognized regional or national accrediting association or approved by the commissioner and have at least five years of experience in the instructional language in which the person will be teaching;

(2) have submitted fingerprints and the fees required by the Department of Public Safety under AS 12.62.160 for criminal justice information and a national criminal history record check to the department; the department must have submitted the fingerprints and fees to the Department of Public Safety for a report of criminal justice information under AS 12.62 and a national criminal history record check under AS 12.62.400 and the person must have been found by the department to be suitable for employment as a teacher under AS 14.20.020(f);

1                   (3) be currently enrolled in or have completed an approved post-  
2 baccalaureate teacher education program at a regionally accredited institution meeting  
3 the requirements of AS 14.20.020(b) that provides for completion of the regular  
4 teacher certificate education requirements within two years after receipt of a world  
5 language expert limited teacher certificate under this section; and

6                   (4) have completed three semester hours of Alaska studies and three  
7 semester hours in multicultural education or cross-cultural communications as  
8 described in AS 14.20.020(h).

9                   (c) A world language expert limited teacher certificate is valid for one school  
10 year and may be renewed for one additional school year upon a showing of substantial  
11 progress toward completion of the teacher education program required under (b)(3) of  
12 this section or satisfactory completion of a competency examination.

13                  (d) A person employed as a world language expert teacher under this section  
14 is considered a certificated employee for purposes of AS 14.25 (teachers' retirement  
15 system). Employment as a world language expert teacher under this section counts as  
16 employment for purposes of acquiring tenure under AS 14.20.150; however, a person  
17 holding a world language expert limited teacher certificate under this section is not  
18 entitled to tenure until the person receives a teacher certificate under AS 14.20.020.

19                  (e) The department shall adopt regulations necessary to implement this  
20 section.

21                  (f) In this section,

22                    (1) "world language" means a language other than English;

23                    (2) "world language teacher" is a teacher qualified to teach under (b) of  
24 this section."