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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72()

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATORS STEVENS, Begich

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

"An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date."

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

*** Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

Sec. 14.03.076. Civics curriculum and assessment requirement. (a) The board shall develop and periodically review a statewide civics education curriculum and assessment that include government, citizenship, and the history of systems of government used in the United States and the state. The curriculum and assessment must include systems of government used by Alaska Natives. Districts may use the curriculum to educate students in civics.

(b) A school may not issue a secondary school diploma to a student unless the student

(1) has taken the civics assessment developed under (a) of this section;

or

1 (2) is a student with a disability and receives a waiver from the
2 governing body.

3 (c) If a student has taken the assessment developed under (a) of this section, a
4 school shall document on the student's transcript that the student has taken the
5 assessment.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.168 is amended to read:

7 **Sec. 14.07.168. Report to the legislature.** Not later than the 30th legislative
8 day of each regular session of the legislature, the board shall prepare and present in
9 person to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education an annual
10 report that describes the efforts of the board to develop, maintain, and continuously
11 improve a comprehensive quality public education system, as provided for under the
12 bylaws of the board. The report must include

13 (1) a summary of the resolves and rationales provided in support of
14 policy decisions made under AS 14.03.015;

15 (2) program and curriculum changes made, discussed, or
16 recommended in meetings held under AS 14.07.125;

17 (3) additional information relevant to efforts made to improve and
18 maintain the public education system;

19 **(4) a description of the civics education curriculum in the state**
20 **public school system, civics courses offered in each district, and student**
21 **performance by district on the assessment required by AS 14.03.076.**

22 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2022.