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SENATE BILL 80 *MENTAL HEALTH CURRICULUM*

SUMMARY OF CHANGES (VERSION A TO VERSION B)

Change #1:

Within the intent language of section 1, the list of mental health organizations is replaced with a more general reference.

- Page 1, Lines 5-10 of version A, are amended to read:

LEGISLATIVE INTENT. It is the intent of the legislature that the Board of Education and Early Development develop guidelines for instruction in mental health in consultation with **the department of Health and Social Services, regional tribal health organizations, and representatives of national and state mental health organizations.** [REPRESENTATIVES OF MENTAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS AND REGIONAL TRIBAL HEALTH ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, PROVIDENCE HEALTH AND SERVICES ALASKA, THE SOUTHCENTRAL FOUNDATION, ANCHORAGE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC., THE NORTH STAR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM, AND THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS ALASKA.]

Change #2:

Within AS 14.30.360(b), section 3 of the bill, the added language was adjusted for clarity and consistency with the intent language, and to address the concern of developmentally appropriate curriculum.

- On page 2, line 7 of version A, the phrase “Health guidelines must provide standards for instruction in mental health” is changed to “Guidelines for instruction in mental health” to match the intent language. The words “developmentally appropriate” are also inserted.
- On page 2, line 9 of version A, the words “regional tribal health organizations” are inserted to match the intent language.