

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE

Interim – May-December:
1500 W. Benson Blvd.
Anchorage, AK 99503
907-334-2630



Session – January-April:
State Capitol
Juneau, AK 99801
907-465-3783

Representative Ken McCarty

Rep.Ken.McCarty@akleg.gov

House Bill 108 Sectional Analysis

Section 1

AS 12.62.400 National criminal history record checks for employment, licensing, and other noncriminal justice purposes.

Adds an instructor of students in a concurrent trade, vocational education, training, on-the-job training experience or apprenticeship to the list of individuals who must have a national criminal history record check performed.

Section 2

AS 14.07.020 Duties of the Department

Adds to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development that they must provide schools and districts with opportunities for students to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs to students over 14 years of age enrolled in public secondary schools.

Section 3

AS 14.35 Vocational Education

Adds six (6) new sections to AS 14.35

Article 2. Concurrent Vocational Education, Training, and On-the-Job Trade Experience Programs.

Sec. 14.35.100. State policy.

New policy of the state to provide public secondary school students over 14 years of age the opportunity to participate in concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs from nonsectarian agencies providing industry-standard instruction.

Sec. 14.35.105. Program contracts.

The Department of Education and Early Development shall negotiate contracts with agencies providing industry-standard instruction and certifications to offer concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs for students enrolled in a public secondary school. The department may establish minimum program eligibility standards.

Additionally, this section provides contract guidelines and states that the Department of Education and Early Development may not contract with a sectarian agency.

Sec. 14.35.110. Program list.

Requires the Department of Education and Early Development to annually compile, provide to school districts and publish to the department's website a list of concurrent vocational education, training, and on-the-job trade experience programs that the department contracts with. The department must also identify any geographical attendance restrictions, and program availability for each listed program.

Sec. 14.35.115. Student enrollment.

Requires that the Department of Education and Early Development permit the enrollment of a student in a contracted concurrent vocational education, training or on-the-job trade experience program who is over the age of 14 years of age, who is enrolled in a public secondary school eligible for the program, and who submits a timely application. If the number of applicants for a program exceed capacity of the program or age group, the department shall select students by random drawing.

A secondary school shall pay the program tuition for an enrolled student who participates in a contracted concurrent vocational education program in accordance with the terms of the contract.

Sec. 14.35.120. Individual learning plan.

Requires that the secondary school create an individual learning plan for each student enrolled who participates in a contracted vocational program in collaboration with the student, parent or guardian of the student, a school counselor and any other individuals involved in the student's learning plan.

The individual learning plan must also provide for an in-school and concurrent vocational education program course of study appropriate for the student's age and grade level consistent with state and district standards, provide for an ongoing assessment plan that includes industry-standard certification progress and statewide assessments required for public schools provide for monitoring of the student's work and certification progress by the counselor assigned to the student.

Sec. 14.35.125. Instructor certification.

Requires that an instructor of students in a concurrent vocational education, training or on-the-job trade experience program possess and valid instructor certificate and an industry-standard master skill certification or equivalent.

Requires the Department of Education and Early Development to submit fingerprints and fees to the Department of Public Safety for criminal justice information and a national criminal history check.

The department may not issue an instructor certificate to a person who has been convicted of a crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a crime, involving a minor.

Section 4

AS 23.10.330 (a) Exempted Employment.

Amends the supervision requirement for an employed minor on to include an adult, parent, sibling, grandparent, aunt, or uncle.

Section 5

AS 23.10.332 Authorization of Children under 17 to work.

Lowers the allowable employment age to 16 years old.

Section 6

AS 23.10.340 Employment of Children under 16.

Extends the hours of the day a minor may work to 10pm but does not exceed 23 allowable work hours in a week.

Section 7

Effective Date

Provides for July 1, 2021 effective date.