

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(CRA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE COMMUNITY AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

**Offered:
Referred:**

Sponsor(s): SENATORS STEVENS, Begich, Hughes, Micciche

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

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

5 **Sec. 14.03.076. Civics curriculum and assessment requirement.** (a) The
6 board shall develop and periodically review a statewide civics education curriculum
7 and assessment that include government, citizenship, the history of systems of
8 government used in the United States and the state, and the history of American
9 constitutionalism portrayed through the Declaration of Independence, the first
10 constitutions adopted by the original 13 states, the Articles of Confederation, the
11 Constitution of the United States, the Federalist Papers, the Bill of Rights, and other
12 historical documents produced in the founding of our constitutional republic model of
13 government. The curriculum and assessment must include systems of government
14 used by Alaska Natives. A district may use the curriculum to educate students in

1 civics.

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

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

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

8 (c) If a student has taken the assessment developed under (a) of this section, a
9 school shall document on the student's transcript the student's assessment score.

10 (d) A district shall annually provide to the department a report that includes a
11 description of the civics courses offered in the district, average student performance on
12 the civics assessment, and other civics curriculum information as required by the
13 department in regulation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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