

# ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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## Explanation of Changes

CS for HB 173

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Following feedback from educators and stakeholders, there are several changes in this version of HB 173:

- Section 3 (b): The membership of the School Climate and School Connectedness Improvement Committee is changed as follows:
  - The modifier “current” has been removed for grammatical clarity (it is implied that non-retired members are currently employed in their field).
  - School principals are included as members of this committee.
  - School board members are included as members of this committee.
  - Student representatives are included as members of this committee.
  - Representatives from Alaska Native organizations (as defined by 25 USC 5304 and 43 USC 1601)
  - Grade levels for teachers have been changed from K-12 to pre-elementary-12.
- Section 4 (c): New subsection (6) has been added to guide districts’ plans to improve school climate and school connectedness. It reads as follows:
  - A plan may incorporate use of “culturally relevant practices adapted to the local district.”
- Sections 5-7: All references to dates are moved forward by one year:
  - Section 5: Plan submission date moved to January 1, 2024.
  - Section 6: Repeal date changed to July 1, 2024.
  - Section 7: Effective date changed to July 1, 2022.