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Explanation of Changes CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 111(FIN)

Version 32-LS0485\E to 32-LS0485\R April 7, 2022

Section 14 AS 14.03.410(b)

Requires the conditions of subsection (g) to be met prior to application for the 3-year early education grant program.

AS 14.03.410 (d) & (e)

Corrects a drafting error from a prior version of SB 111 by removing reference to subsection (a) as it is no longer necessary.

AS 14.03.410(g)

Adds a new subsection to require school districts to consult with each local and tribal head start program within the district's boundaries prior to making an application to the 3-year early education grant program, under AS 14.03.410(b), to ensure no district-wide program will jeopardize federal funding or programing.

Version 32-LS0485\N to 32-LS0485\E March 14, 2022

Updated Title

Section 13 AS 14.03.120(i)

Page 8, line 12-18 Adds a new subsection (i) to require better access to data.

Section 15 AS 14.07.020(a)

Adds to the department's general duties section the responsibilities to:

- Approve programs for the pre-k grants (previously in Section 14).
- Convene an annual panel (previously in Section 33). Version E expands the panel to include reviewing regulations of programs created by this Act and requiring representation from across the state.

Section 20 AS 14.07.165(a)(5)(B)(i)

Provides pre-k teachers more time to complete required course work from one year to two years.

Section 33 AS 14.30.760

- Changes "screening or assessment tool" to "screening tool" to remove any misunderstanding regarding the level of effort required to comply with the bill's intent.
- Clarifies that the department should assist districts in creating alternative screening tools and that the screener can be for any language. *Conforming and technical changes made throughout version E*

AS 14.30.765

Repurposes the good cause waiver to be a tool for districts to use when parents are not participating in progression decisions. Conforming and technical changes made throughout version E

AS 14.30.770

- Removes the cap on participating schools for the reading program and leaves it up to the budgeting process to create position to serve this need.
- Ensures that department employees going to work in rural communities have the correct training to so effectively.

AS 14.30.775

Requires the department, by regulation, to develop a definition of "dyslexia" as given by the International Dyslexia Association.

Section 35 AS 14.60.010

Defines "parent" or "guardian" and applies it to be a title-wide definition (previously in Section 34)

Section 37 **Repealed Sections**

Adds 14.03.290(4) (definition of parent in charter school statutes) to the repealed sections.

Conforming to changes in Section 35

Section 44 **Effective Date**

Adds an immediate effective date for Section 43.

Section 45 **Effective Date**

Amends effective moved from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023

Deleted sections from version N

Sections 27 & 28 This is the operating fund change that is no longer necessary