

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2023 Legislative Session

Bill Version: SB 29  
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Identifier: SB029-EED-SSA-1-13-23  
Title: CIVICS EDUCATION; EST AK CVCS ED COMM  
Sponsor: STEVENS  
Requester: Senate Education

Department: Department of Education and Early Development  
Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services  
Allocation: Student and School Achievement  
OMB Component Number: 2796

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

	FY2024	Included in	Out-Year Cost Estimates					
	Appropriation Requested	Governor's FY2024 Request	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028	FY 2029
<b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>	<b>FY 2024</b>						
Personal Services	118.8		118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8	118.8
Travel	49.5		4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Services	229.1		33.1	33.1	33.1	33.1	33.1	33.1
Commodities	5.0							
Capital Outlay								
Grants & Benefits	40.0							
Miscellaneous								
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>442.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

1004 Gen Fund (UGF)	442.4		155.9	155.9	155.9	155.9	155.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>442.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>	<b>155.9</b>

**Positions**

Full-time	1.0						
Part-time							
Temporary							

**Change in Revenues**

None							
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2023) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2024) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
*(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? Yes  
If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? 01/01/24

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Not applicable; initial version.

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Agency: Department of Education and Early Development	

## FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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### Analysis

This bill adds civics education and assessment to the list of secondary school graduation requirements. Students must receive a passing score of 70% or more in order to receive a secondary school diploma. The student's passing score shall be noted on the student's official transcript.

It also establishes a 12-member Alaska Civics Education Commission in the Department of Education and Early Development to meet quarterly and discuss and review the most current information regarding best practices, pedagogies, and policies for civics education and to make recommendations to the State Board of Education and Early Development. Members of the commission will serve terms of two years.

This bill requires the State Board of Education and Early Development to submit an annual report to the legislature with a description of the civics education curriculum in the state, civics courses offered in each district, student performance on the civics assessment, and any recommendations made by the Alaska Civics Education Commission.

This fiscal note contains the following one-time expenses: 1) \$49.5 for department staff and 20 educators to travel to civics curriculum and assessment development convenings; 2) \$229.1 to contract a facilitator to convene department staff, educators, and stakeholders for participation in the development of a civics assessment and corresponding secondary semester long civics curriculum, as well as associated data collection elements, and legal fees; 3) \$5.0 for the initial supplies and equipment set up of a new employee; and 4) \$40.0 for stipends (\$2.0 per participant).

In addition, this fiscal note includes out-year annual expenses: 1) \$118.8 for one Educational Specialist 2 position to serve as a Social Studies Content Specialist and Alaska Civics Education Commission Coordinator; 2) \$4.0 for staff travel to the annual in-person Commission convening; and 3) \$33.1 for annual in-person Commission convening and department chargeback expenses.