

ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE



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Sectional Analysis for CSSB 24

Section 1: The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read Legislative Intent. This section specifies what entities will develop guidelines for instruction in mental health.

Section 2: This section amends AS 14.03.016(a) which is the statute that relates to a parent's right to direct the education of the their child, by adding a new subsection that would allow parents to be notified at least two weeks before any class or program regarding mental health is offered.

Section 3: This section amends AS 14.30.360(a) which addresses health education curriculum and physical activity guidelines by removing the word "physical" when referencing instruction for health education and adding "mental health" and "physical health" to the list of curriculum items each district includes in their health education programs.

Section 4: This section amends AS 14.30.360(b) which addresses health education curriculum and physical activity guidelines. The section clarifies that developmentally appropriate instruction in mental health be developed by the state board in consult with the Department of Health, Department of Family and Community Services and other entities. The section also list the Department of Family and Community Services as one of many entities that shall provide technical assistance to school districts in the development of personal safety curricula upon request.

Section 5: The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read Report to the Legislature. This section clarifies that a report must be given to the Senate Secretary and Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives. This report must include a copy of developmentally appropriate instruction in mental health developed by the State Board of Education and Early Development and describe the process used to develop such guidelines.

Section 6: The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to read Transition. Specifically, the section requires that the state Board of Education and Early Development shall develop the mental health guidelines within two years after the effective date of this Act.

Section 7: This section sets an effective date of July 1, 2023