

**HOUSE BILL NO. 172**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

NINETEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/10/95

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to kindergarten programs and compulsory education; to  
2 identification required upon enrollment in a public school; to those grades that  
3 constitute elementary, junior, and secondary school; and providing for an effective  
4 date."

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.03.040 is amended to read:

7           Sec. 14.03.040. DAY IN SESSION. Each day within the school term is a day  
8 in session except Saturdays, Sundays, and days designated as holidays by or according  
9 to AS 14.03.050. A school board may approve Saturdays as a day in session. The  
10 day in session in every school shall be at least **two and one-half hours, exclusive of**  
11 **intermissions, for kindergarten,** four hours [LONG], exclusive of intermissions, for  
12 the first, second, and third grades, and five hours, exclusive of intermissions, for all  
13 other grades. The commissioner may approve a shorter day in session for any grade.  
14 The period of the day in session shall be devoted to the instruction of pupils or to

1 study periods for the pupils.

2 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.060(a) is amended to read:

3 (a) An elementary school consists of grades kindergarten through grade eight  
4 or any appropriate combination of grades within this range **as long as the**  
5 **combination of grades also includes kindergarten. Each school district shall offer**  
6 **a kindergarten program.**

7 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.060(b) is amended to read:

8 (b) A secondary school consists of grades **six** [SEVEN] through 12 or any  
9 appropriate combination of grades within this range. The establishment of one or two  
10 grades beyond the 12th grade is optional with the governing body of the school  
11 district.

12 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.03.060(c) is amended to read:

13 (c) Grades **six** [SEVEN] through eight, nine, and ten or any appropriate  
14 combination of grades within this range may be organized as a junior high **or middle**  
15 school.

16 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.03.070 is amended to read:

17 Sec. 14.03.070. SCHOOL AGE. A child who is **five** [SIX] years of age before  
18 August 15 following the beginning of the school year, and who is under the age of 20  
19 and has not completed the 12th grade, is of school age.

20 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 14.03.080(d) is amended to read:

21 (d) A child who is five years of age before August 15 following the beginning  
22 of the school year [, AND WHO IS UNDER SCHOOL AGE,] may enter a public  
23 school kindergarten.

24 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 14.30.010(a) is amended to read:

25 (a) Every child between **six** [SEVEN] and 16 years of age shall attend school  
26 at the public school in the district in which the child resides during each school term.  
27 Every parent, guardian, or other person having the responsibility for or control of a  
28 child between **six** [SEVEN] and 16 years of age shall maintain the child in attendance  
29 at a public school in the district in which the child resides during the entire school  
30 term, except as provided in (b) of this section.

31 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 14.30.710 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1                   (b) A person who enrolls a child in a public school shall, not more than 30  
2                   days after enrollment, provide to the public school a copy of the child's birth  
3                   certificate or other proof of the child's identity if the child has not previously been  
4                   enrolled in a public school.

5                   \* **Sec. 9.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1995.