

HOUSE BILL NO. 145

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Introduced: 2/18/97

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to certification of teachers."

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.20.020(b) is amended to read:

4 (b) A person is not eligible for a teacher certificate unless that person has
5 received at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher education
6 accredited by a recognized regional accrediting association or approved by the
7 commissioner **and, if applicable, has passed the examination required by (i) of this**
8 **section.** However, this subsection is not applicable to

9 (1) persons employed in the state public school system on September 1,
10 1962;

11 (2) persons issued an emergency certificate during a situation **that**
12 **[WHICH]**, in the judgment of the commissioner, requires the temporary issuance of
13 a certificate to a person not otherwise qualified.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

15 (i) Beginning on the effective date of this Act, a person is not eligible for a

1 teacher certificate unless the person has taken and successfully completed a
2 competency examination designated, at the time the person took the test, by the board.
3 The board shall review nationally recognized examinations that are designed to test the
4 competency of new teachers and shall designate those examinations that it finds
5 adequately test the skills and abilities of new teachers. For each examination
6 designated under this subsection, the board shall establish the minimum acceptable
7 level of performance.

8 * **Sec. 3.** The requirements for examination established in this Act do not apply to a
9 teacher who holds a valid type A certificate on the effective date of this Act.