

HOUSE BILL NO. 146

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 competency testing requirements for secondary students; and
2 providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.075. Secondary pupil competency testing.** (a) A pupil may not
6 be issued a secondary school diploma unless the pupil passes a competency
7 examination in the areas of reading, English, mathematics, science and social science.
8 The department shall determine the form and contents of the examination and shall
9 score completed examinations. A pupil who fails to pass the examination required
10 under this subsection and who is no longer in attendance shall receive a certificate of
11 attendance from the school district indicating the years of attendance and that the pupil
12 has not passed a competency examination or received a diploma.

13 (b) A pupil who fails the examination required under this section may be
14 reexamined. A reexamination may not be offered more often than once every three

1 months and must occur within three years after the date the pupil is no longer in
2 attendance. A pupil who passes the reexamination and who meets any other
3 graduation requirements shall receive a diploma from the school district.

4 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1997.