

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 146(HES)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Offered: 3/24/97

Referred: Rules

Sponsor(s): HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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, Alaska history, and
8 United States history. The department shall determine the form and contents of the
9 examination and shall score completed examinations. A pupil who fails to pass the
10 examination required under this subsection and who is no longer in attendance shall
11 receive a certificate of attendance from the school district indicating the years of
12 attendance and that the pupil has not passed a competency examination or received a
13 diploma.

14 (b) A pupil who fails the examination required under this section may be

1 reexamined. A reexamination may not be offered more often than once every three
2 months and must occur within three years after the date the pupil is no longer in
3 attendance. A pupil who passes the reexamination and who meets any other
4 graduation requirements shall receive a diploma from the school district.

5 * **Sec. 2.** REQUIRED REPORT. By April 15, 1998, the Department of Education shall
6 provide a report to the legislature containing the standards used to prepare the competency
7 examination required under sec. 1 of this Act.

8 * **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2002.

9 * **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1997.