

**HOUSE BILL NO. 164**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE VEZEY

Introduced: 2/27/97

Referred: Community and Regional Affairs, Health, Education and Social Services, State Affairs

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act providing that employment as a legislator or with the National Education  
2 Association is not credited service under the teachers' retirement system; repealing  
3 the limited certificate for teachers of Alaska Native language or culture and  
4 removing those teachers from membership in the teachers' retirement system; and  
5 repealing a provision permitting members of the teachers' retirement system to  
6 count unused sick leave credit as credited service."

7 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

8 \* Section 1. AS 14.20.025 is amended to read:

9           Sec. 14.20.025.    **Limited teacher certificates.**    Notwithstanding  
10 AS 14.20.020(b), a person may be issued a limited certificate, valid only in the area  
11 of expertise for which it is issued, to teach [ALASKA NATIVE LANGUAGE OR  
12 CULTURE,] military science [,] or a vocational or technical course for which the  
13 board determines by regulation that baccalaureate degree training is not sufficiently

1 available. A limited certificate may be issued under this section only if the school  
2 board of the district or regional educational attendance area in which the person will  
3 be teaching, through the chief school administrator, has requested its issuance. A  
4 person who applies for a limited certificate shall demonstrate, as required by  
5 regulations adopted by the board, instructional skills and subject matter expertise  
6 sufficient to ensure the public that the person is competent as a teacher. The board  
7 may require a person issued a limited certificate to undertake academic training as may  
8 be required by the board by regulation and make satisfactory progress in the academic  
9 training.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.25.220(16) is amended to read:

11 (16) "employer" means a public school district, the Board of Regents of the  
12 University of Alaska, the Department of Education, or [THE NATIONAL  
13 EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF ALASKA,] the Regional Resource Centers [, OR  
14 THE STATE LEGISLATURE WITH RESPECT TO A STATE LEGISLATOR WHO  
15 ELECTS MEMBERSHIP UNDER AS 14.25.040(b)];

16 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.25.040(b), 14.25.040(c), 14.25.045, 14.25.048, 14.25.115(a),  
17 14.25.220(6)(B), 14.25.220(21)(D), 14.25.220(21)(F), and 14.25.220(40)(D) are repealed.

18 \* **Sec. 4.** Sections 2 and 3 of this Act apply to persons who first become members of the  
19 teachers' retirement system on or after the effective date of this Act.