

**HOUSE BILL NO. 213**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE KUBINA

Introduced: 3/25/97

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to teacher certification."

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. Beginning on July 1, 2001, an applicant for a teacher certificate is  
8 not eligible for the certificate, regardless of whether the person has satisfied the  
9 certification requirements of another jurisdiction, unless the person earned a  
10 baccalaureate degree in a subject other than education and the person has  
11 completed a year of additional training that satisfies the requirements of (i) of this  
12 section. However, this subsection is not applicable to persons

13 (1) [PERSONS] employed in the state public school system on  
14 September 1, 1962; or

15 (2) [PERSONS] issued an emergency certificate during a situation

1           which, in the judgment of the commissioner, requires the temporary issuance of a  
2           certificate to a person not otherwise qualified.

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

4           (i) An applicant for a teacher certificate on or after July 1, 2001, must have  
5           completed, in addition to the baccalaureate degree required under (b) of this section,  
6           a year of teacher training consisting of two semesters of half-time student teaching and  
7           two semesters of course work in education from an institution of higher education  
8           accredited by a recognized regional accrediting association or approved by the  
9           commissioner. Each semester of half-time student teaching must take place in a  
10          different classroom and under the supervision of a different teacher. The board shall  
11          adopt regulations establishing the requirements for education course work for a teacher  
12          certificate.