

HOUSE BILL NO. 275

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR

Introduced: 5/8/97

Referred: House Special Committee on World Trade and State/Federal Relations

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act establishing performance standards for elementary and secondary students,
2 requiring a comprehensive system of assessment, and requiring a high school
3 graduation examination."

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 14.07.020(a) is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

6 (16) establish by regulation state performance standards in reading,
7 writing, and mathematics at levels to be determined by the department;

8 (17) require by regulation that each district

9 (A) develop a comprehensive system of student academic
10 assessment, including use of the statewide assessment system at the educational
11 levels set by the department;

12 (B) provide adequate and timely information to parents and
13 students about student progress toward meeting state performance standards in
14 reading, writing, and mathematics as established by the department; and

1 (C) develop a program of remediation, including an intervention
2 plan, for students not attaining the minimum state performance standards;

3 (18) require by regulation that each district conduct developmental
4 screening in educational areas for all elementary students in a manner to be determined
5 by the department.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

7 **Sec. 14.07.032. High school graduation exam.** (a) After January 1, 2003,
8 in addition to meeting the graduation requirements of a district and in order to obtain
9 a high school diploma, a secondary pupil must pass a state graduation examination in
10 the areas of reading, writing, and mathematics. The department shall determine the
11 form and content of the examination and shall score completed examinations.

12 (b) Notwithstanding having met all other requirements for graduation required
13 by the district, a secondary pupil who fails to pass the examination required under this
14 section shall receive a certificate of attendance from the district indicating the years
15 of attendance and that the pupil has not passed a required state graduation examination
16 or received a diploma. A secondary pupil who fails the examination required under
17 this section may be reexamined. A district may not offer a reexamination more
18 often than annually. A person no longer attending public school may take the
19 examination required by this section through the state-operated correspondence
20 program or through adult basic education service providers identified by the
21 department. A person who passes the reexamination and who meets the other
22 graduation requirements of the district last attended shall receive a diploma from that
23 district upon notification by the department to the district that the pupil has satisfied
24 the examination requirement.