

HOUSE BILL NO. 271

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE HALCRO

Introduced: 1/10/00

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to temporary certification of teachers."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 14.20.023. Temporary certification for rural teachers.** (a) The
5 department shall issue a temporary teacher certificate, valid for one year and renewable
6 for no more than three additional years, to a person who meets the requirements of
7 AS 14.20.020(f) and this section. A person who holds a temporary teacher certificate
8 issued under this section may be employed as a teacher in a school district or regional
9 educational attendance area that is included on the list established under (e) of this
10 section.

11 (b) A person is eligible for a temporary certificate under this section if the
12 person has

13 (1) received at least a baccalaureate degree from an institution of higher
14 education accredited by a recognized regional accrediting association or approved by
15 the commissioner;

1 (2) successfully completed a minimum number of courses in the field
2 of education, as required by regulation under (c) of this section;

3 (3) applied to the department for a temporary teacher certificate;

4 (4) paid the required fee.

5 (c) The department shall, by regulation, establish the

6 (1) minimum training requirements in education courses that a person
7 must have completed to be eligible for an initial temporary teacher certificate; and

8 (2) rate at which a teacher who has been issued a temporary teacher
9 certificate under this section must complete education course work to be eligible for
10 renewal of the certificate.

11 (d) A person who holds a temporary teacher certificate issued under this
12 section may apply to the department for renewal of the certificate. The department
13 shall renew the certificate if the applicant establishes to the satisfaction of the
14 department that the applicant remains eligible for the certificate and is pursuing
15 required course work in the field of education as required by regulation under (c) of
16 this section.

17 (e) Each year, the department shall compile a list of those school districts and
18 regional educational attendance areas in which there is a shortage of certificated
19 teachers. A school district or regional educational attendance area may petition the
20 department for inclusion on the list. If the department fails to respond to a petition for
21 inclusion within 45 days after its receipt, the school district or regional educational
22 attendance area is considered to be included on the list for that year. A school district
23 or regional educational attendance area that is included on the list may employ teachers
24 who hold temporary teacher certificates issued under this section.

25 (f) A teacher who is employed under a temporary teacher certificate issued
26 under this section

27 (1) is not entitled to automatic reemployment under AS 14.20.145;

28 (2) does not accrue credit towards the acquisition of tenure under
29 AS 14.20.150;

30 (3) is considered a certificated teacher for purposes of membership in
31 the teachers' retirement system under AS 14.25.

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20.027 is amended to read:

2 **Sec. 14.20.027. Reporting of and access to social security numbers.**

3 Notwithstanding AS 14.20.010 - 14.20.040, the department may not issue a teacher
4 certificate under AS 14.20.020, a temporary teacher certificate under AS 14.20.023,
5 or a limited teacher certificate under AS 14.20.025 unless the applicant has supplied
6 the department with the applicant's social security number. Upon request, the
7 department shall provide the social security number to the child support enforcement
8 agency created in AS 25.27.010, or the child support enforcement agency of another
9 state, for child support purposes authorized under law.