

**HOUSE BILL NO. 405**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE BRICE

Introduced: 2/16/00

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to high school competency testing; and providing for an effective  
2 date."

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.03.075(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 (a) A pupil may not be issued a secondary school diploma unless the pupil  
6 takes and passes a competency examination in the areas of reading, English, and  
7 mathematics or by oral examination or academic achievement demonstrates  
8 competence in reading, English, and mathematics, as required by the department. The  
9 department shall determine the form and contents of the competency examination and  
10 shall score completed examinations.

11 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.075(b) is amended to read:

12 (b) A pupil who fails the examination **offered** [REQUIRED] under **(a) of** this  
13 section may be reexamined. A reexamination may not be offered more often than  
14 once every three months and must occur **while** [WITHIN THREE YEARS AFTER

1 THE DATE] the pupil is [NO LONGER] in attendance. [A PUPIL WHO PASSES  
2 THE REEXAMINATION AND WHO MEETS ANY OTHER GRADUATION  
3 REQUIREMENTS SHALL RECEIVE A DIPLOMA FROM THE SCHOOL  
4 DISTRICT.]

5 \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2002.