

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 464(EDU)

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BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to statewide school district correspondence study and to centralized
2 correspondence study."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.07.050 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.07.050. Selection of textbooks.** Textbooks for use in the public
6 schools of the state, including a district offered statewide correspondence study
7 program, shall be selected by district boards for district schools. Nothing in this
8 section precludes a correspondence study student, or the parent or guardian of a
9 correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or using textbooks or
10 curriculum material not provided by the school district.

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

12 **Sec. 14.07.175. Powers relating to statewide correspondence study.** (a)
13 The board may adopt regulations regarding statewide correspondence study programs.
14 A regulation applicable to a statewide correspondence study program conducted by

1 Alyeska Central School, a charter school, or a school district must

2 (1) specify that, once the department has approved an initial statewide
3 correspondence program application, the district is not required to submit a new
4 application more frequently than every five years if the program is designated as
5 distinguished or successful under AS 14.03.123(a);

6 (2) provide that an enrolled student shall be monitored by a certificated
7 teacher or appropriately trained personnel employed by the governing body; the
8 evaluation and grading of student work by certificated teachers must occur at least
9 quarterly, except as required by a student's individual education program under
10 AS 14.30.180 - 14.30.350 or as required in the education plan developed for the
11 student under 29 U.S.C. 794; and

12 (3) provide that the governing body conducting the correspondence
13 program has the duty and authority to establish procedures for

14 (A) the review, selection, and use of correspondence
15 curriculum materials before they are introduced into the correspondence
16 curriculum; and

17 (B) approving or disapproving home-designed courses.

18 (b) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

19 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.08.111(9) is amended to read:

20 (9) establish procedures for the review and selection of all textbooks
21 and instructional materials, **including textbooks and curriculum materials for**
22 **statewide correspondence programs,** before they are introduced into the school
23 curriculum; the review includes a review for violations of AS 14.18.060; **nothing in**
24 **this paragraph precludes a correspondence study student, or the parent or**
25 **guardian of a correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or using**
26 **textbooks or curriculum material not provided by the school district;**

27 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.14.090(7) is amended to read:

28 (7) establish procedures for the review and selection of all textbooks
29 and instructional materials, **including textbooks and curriculum materials for**
30 **statewide correspondence programs,** before they are introduced into the school
31 curriculum; the review includes a review for violations of AS 14.18.060; **nothing in**

1 this paragraph precludes a correspondence study student, or the parent or
2 guardian of a correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or using
3 textbooks or curriculum material not provided by the school district;