

**SENATE BILL NO. 129**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DAVIS

Introduced: 3/9/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

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

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

4 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.03.075(a), added by sec. 1, ch. 58, SLA 1997, is amended to read:

5 (a) A pupil may not be issued a secondary school diploma unless, beginning  
6 January 1, 2004, the pupil passes a competency examination in the areas of reading  
7 and [.] English, and, beginning January 1, 2005, the pupil also passes a  
8 competency examination in the area of mathematics. The department shall  
9 determine the form and contents of the examination and shall score completed  
10 examinations. A pupil who fails to pass the examination required under this  
11 subsection and who is no longer in attendance shall receive a certificate of attendance  
12 from the school district indicating the years of attendance and that the pupil has not  
13 passed a competency examination or received a diploma.

14 \* **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to

1 read:

2           TRANSITION: ACADEMIC ENDORSEMENT FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL  
3 GRADUATES. Beginning January 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2003, each pupil shall  
4 receive an endorsement on the pupil's diploma identifying the area or areas of the high school  
5 competency examination described under AS 14.03.075(a) that the pupil successfully passes.  
6 The Department of Education and Early Development shall establish by regulation uniform  
7 standards for awarding an endorsement required under this section.

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