

HOUSE BILL NO. 99

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to school discipline and safety programs; and providing for an effective**
2 **date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.33.120(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Each governing body shall adopt a written school disciplinary and safety
6 program. The program required under this subsection must include written

7 (1) standards for student behavior and safety that reflect community
8 standards and that include, at a minimum, basic requirements for respect and honesty;
9 standards required under this paragraph must be developed and periodically reviewed
10 with the collaboration of members of each school, parents, teachers, and other persons
11 responsible for the students at a school; a governing body may require that standards
12 developed under this paragraph be consistent for all schools in an attendance area or
13 the district;

14 (2) standards relating to when a teacher is authorized to remove a

1 student from the classroom for

2 (A) failure to follow student behavior and safety standards; or

3 (B) behavior described under AS 14.30.045(1) or (2);

4 (3) procedures for notifying teachers of dangerous students consistent
5 with AS 47.12.310(b);

6 (4) standards relating to when a teacher, teacher's assistant, or other
7 person responsible for students is authorized to use reasonable and appropriate force to
8 maintain classroom safety and discipline as described under AS 11.81.430(a)(2);

9 (5) policies necessary to comply with provisions of state and federal
10 law, including 20 U.S.C. 1400 - 1485 (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act);

11 (6) standards to address needs of students for whom mental health or
12 substance abuse may be a contributing factor to noncompliance with the school
13 disciplinary and safety program;

14 (7) **policies for implementing a student conflict resolution**
15 **program; the program must include training for teachers, staff, and students in**
16 **the nonviolent resolution or mediation of conflicts and must provide procedures**
17 **for reporting and resolving conflicts between students;**

18 **(8)** procedures for periodic review and revision of the school
19 disciplinary and safety program.

20 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
21 read:

22 TRANSITION. A governing body of a school district shall amend the district's school
23 disciplinary and safety program as required by this Act by January 1, 2002.

24 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2001.