

SENATE BILL NO. 120

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

BY SENATOR WARD

Introduced: 2/27/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.30.075, added by sec. 1, ch. 58, SLA 1997, is repealed and reenacted to
5 read:

6 **Sec. 14.03.075. Academic standards for high school graduation. (a)**

7 Before graduating from high school, each student is required to

8 (1) be tested in a graduation examination in the areas of reading,
9 English, and mathematics; and

10 (2) meet academic requirements established by the state and the
11 governing body.

12 (b) The department shall determine the form and contents of the graduation
13 examination and shall score completed examinations.

14 (c) Based on the results of the graduation examination, each student receiving

1 a high school diploma shall receive an endorsement on the diploma as follows:

2 (1) a student who exhibits proficiency in mathematics - a mathematics
3 endorsement;

4 (2) a student who exhibits proficiency in reading - a reading
5 endorsement;

6 (3) a student who exhibits proficiency in writing - a writing
7 endorsement; and

8 (4) a student who is not eligible for an endorsement under (1) - (3) of
9 this subsection - an endorsement consisting of the Alaska flag symbol.

10 (d) The department shall establish by regulation uniform standards for
11 awarding an endorsement required under (c) of this section.

12 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect January 1, 2002.