

SENATE BILL NO. 128

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

BY SENATOR LEMAN

Introduced: 3/1/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to a two-year transition for implementation of the public high school**
2 **competency examination as a graduation requirement; and providing for an effective**
3 **date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** Section 3, ch. 58, SLA 1997, is amended to read:

6 Sec. 3. This Act takes effect January 1, 2004 [2002].

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

9 TRANSITION; ACADEMIC STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
10 GRADUATION. (a) Beginning January 1, 2002, and ending December 31, 2003, before
11 graduating from public high school, each pupil is required to

12 (1) take a competency examination in the areas of reading, English, and
13 mathematics; and

14 (2) meet academic requirements established by the state and the school board

1 of the borough or city school district or regional educational attendance area in which the
2 pupil is enrolled.

3 (b) The Department of Education and Early Development shall determine the form
4 and contents of the competency examination and shall score completed examinations.

5 (c) A pupil shall receive an endorsement on the pupil's diploma and transcript
6 identifying the areas of the examination successfully passed. If a pupil has not passed an area
7 of the competency examination, an endorsement or other designation may not be placed on
8 the diploma or transcript.

9 (d) The Department of Education and Early Development shall establish by regulation
10 uniform standards for awarding an endorsement required under (c) of this section.

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