

SENATE BILL NO. 41

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

BY SENATOR DAVIS

Introduced: 1/17/01

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to kindergarten programs and compulsory education; and providing**
2 **for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.060(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) An elementary school consists of grades kindergarten through [GRADE]
6 eight or any appropriate combination of grades within this range. **Each school**
7 **district shall offer a kindergarten program.**

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.070 is amended to read:

9 **Sec. 14.03.070. School age.** A child who is **five** [SIX] years of age before
10 August 15 following the beginning of the school year, and who is under the age of 20
11 and has not completed the 12th grade, is of school age.

12 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.080(d) is amended to read:

13 (d) A child who is five years of age before August 15 following the beginning
14 of the school year **shall** [, AND WHO IS UNDER SCHOOL AGE, MAY] enter a

1 public school kindergarten, unless the child is exempt from public school
2 attendance under AS 14.30.010.

3 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.30.010(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) Every child who has reached the minimum school age under
5 AS 14.03.070 [BETWEEN SEVEN] and who is not yet 16 years of age shall attend
6 school at the public school in the district in which the child resides during each school
7 term. Every parent, guardian or other person having the responsibility for or control
8 of a child who has reached the minimum school age under AS 14.03.070
9 [BETWEEN SEVEN] and who is not yet 16 years of age shall maintain the child in
10 attendance at a public school in the district in which the child resides during the entire
11 school term, except as provided in (b) of this section.

12 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2001.