

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 84(EDU)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Offered: 4/14/04

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES KAPSNER, Kott, Weyhrauch, Harris, Berkowitz, Cissna, Crawford, Croft, Foster, Gara, Guttenberg, Heinze, Joule, Kerttula, Kookesh, McGuire, Meyer, Morgan, Moses, Stevens, Whitaker, Williams, Wilson, Holm, Gruenberg, Hawker, Stepovich, Samuels, Wolf, Anderson, Fate, Seaton

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to a curriculum for Alaska history; and providing for an effective
2 date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.255(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A charter school operates as a school in the local school district except that
6 the charter school (1) is exempt from the local school district's textbook, program,
7 curriculum, and scheduling requirements; (2) is exempt from AS 14.14.130(c); the
8 principal of the charter school shall be selected by the academic policy committee and
9 shall select, appoint, or otherwise supervise employees of the charter school; and (3)
10 operates under the charter school's annual program budget as set out in the contract
11 between the local school board and the charter school under (c) of this section. A
12 local school board may exempt a charter school from other local school district
13 requirements if the exemption is set out in the contract. A charter school is subject to
14 secondary school competency testing as provided in AS 14.03.075, to [AND] other

1 competency tests required by the department, and to the requirements of
2 AS 14.30.440.

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Article 7A. Alaska History Education.**

5 **Sec. 14.30.440. Alaska history education.** The department shall develop a
6 standards-based Alaska history education curriculum within grades nine through 12.
7 Each school board may implement the curriculum as a part of regular classroom
8 studies and shall require that each student complete the curriculum with a passing
9 grade as a requirement for graduation. In this section, "curriculum" means a course of
10 study that, by the completion of the 12th grade, is the equivalent of at least one
11 semester.

12 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
13 read:

14 **APPLICABILITY.** This Act applies to students who begin the ninth grade on or after
15 July 1, 2004.

16 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2004.