

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 338(EDU)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Offered: 2/24/04

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVE MCGUIRE

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to attendance at public school; and providing for an effective date."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.070 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 14.03.070. School age.** A child who is six years of age on or before
5 September 1 [AUGUST 15] following the beginning of the school year, and who is
6 under the age of 20 and has not completed the 12th grade, is of school age.

7 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.080(c) is amended to read:

8 (c) A child under school age may be admitted to a [THE] public school
9 kindergarten in the school district of which the child is a resident at the discretion of
10 the governing body of the school district if the child meets minimum standards
11 prescribed by the board evidencing that the child has the mental, physical, and
12 emotional capacity to perform satisfactorily for the educational program being offered.
13 A district's educational program must prescribe that under school age students advance
14 through the curriculum or grade level by the following school year. A governing
15 body may delegate the authority granted under this subsection to the chief school

1 **administrator of the school district.**

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

3 (d) **In this section, "child under school age" means a** [A] child who is five
4 years of age **on or** before **September 1** [AUGUST 15] following the beginning of the
5 school year [, AND WHO IS UNDER SCHOOL AGE, MAY ENTER A PUBLIC
6 SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN].

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