

**HOUSE BILL NO. 551**

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

**BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

**Introduced: 4/5/04**

**Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Judiciary**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to the issuance of teacher certificates to and revocation of teacher**  
2 **certificates of persons convicted of felony drug offenses and to the issuance of limited**  
3 **teacher certificates to persons convicted of certain crimes involving a minor and felony**  
4 **drug offenses."**

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

6 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.20.020(f) is amended to read:

7 (f) The department may not issue a teacher certificate to a person who has  
8 been convicted of a crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a crime,  
9 involving a minor under AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.460, **or misconduct involving a**  
10 **controlled substance under AS 11.71.010 - 11.71.040,** or a law or ordinance in  
11 another jurisdiction with elements similar to an offense described in this subsection.

12 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20.025 is amended to read:

13 **Sec. 14.20.025. Limited teacher certificates.** Notwithstanding  
14 AS 14.20.020(b), a person may be issued a limited certificate, valid only in the area of

1 expertise for which it is issued, to teach Alaska Native language or culture, military  
 2 science, or a vocational or technical course for which the board determines by  
 3 regulation that baccalaureate degree training is not sufficiently available. A limited  
 4 certificate may be issued under this section only if the school board of the district or  
 5 regional educational attendance area in which the person will be teaching has  
 6 requested its issuance. A person who applies for a limited certificate shall  
 7 demonstrate, as required by regulations adopted by the board, instructional skills and  
 8 subject matter expertise sufficient to **assure** [ENSURE] the public that the person is  
 9 competent as a teacher. The board may require a person issued a limited certificate to  
 10 undertake academic training as may be required by the board by regulation and make  
 11 satisfactory progress in the academic training. **To be eligible for a limited teacher**  
 12 **certificate, a person shall have submitted fingerprints to the department to be**  
 13 **used for a criminal history background check and have been found by the**  
 14 **department to be suitable for employment as a teacher under AS 14.20.020(f).**

15 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.20.030(b) is amended to read:

16 (b) The commissioner or the Professional Teaching Practices Commission  
 17 shall revoke for life the certificate of a person who has been convicted of a crime, or  
 18 an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a crime, involving a minor under  
 19 AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.460, **or misconduct involving a controlled substance under**  
 20 **AS 11.71.010 - 11.71.040,** or a law or ordinance in another jurisdiction with elements  
 21 similar to an offense described in this subsection.