

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 551(JUD)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/26/04

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

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 certain felony drug offenses and to the issuance of
3 limited teacher certificates to persons convicted of certain crimes involving a minor and
4 felony 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, 11.71.020(a)(1), 11.71.030(a)(2),
11 11.71.030(a)(3), or 11.71.040(a)(4), or a law or ordinance in another jurisdiction with
12 elements similar to an offense described in this subsection.

13 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20.025 is amended to read:

14 **Sec. 14.20.025. Limited teacher certificates.** Notwithstanding

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

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

17 (b) The commissioner or the Professional Teaching Practices Commission
 18 shall revoke for life the certificate of a person who has been convicted of a crime, or
 19 an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a crime, involving a minor under
 20 AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.460, **or misconduct involving a controlled substance under**
 21 **AS 11.71.010, 11.71.020(a)(1), 11.71.030(a)(2), 11.71.030(a)(3), or 11.71.040(a)(4),**
 22 or a law or ordinance in another jurisdiction with elements similar to an offense
 23 described in this subsection.