

SENATE CS FOR CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 551(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/7/04

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

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

8 **(1)** has been convicted of a crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or
9 conspiracy to commit a crime, involving a minor under AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.460 or a
10 law or ordinance in another jurisdiction with elements similar to an offense described
11 in this **paragraph; or**

12 **(2)** **within the preceding 10 years, has been convicted of**
13 **misconduct involving a controlled substance under AS 11.71.010, 11.71.020(a)(1),**
14 **11.71.030(a)(2), or 11.71.030(a)(3), or a law or ordinance in another jurisdiction**

1 **with elements similar to an offense described in this paragraph** [SUBSECTION].

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

3 **Sec. 14.20.025. Limited teacher certificates.** Notwithstanding
 4 AS 14.20.020(b), a person may be issued a limited certificate, valid only in the area of
 5 expertise for which it is issued, to teach Alaska Native language or culture, military
 6 science, or a vocational or technical course for which the board determines by
 7 regulation that baccalaureate degree training is not sufficiently available. A limited
 8 certificate may be issued under this section only if the school board of the district or
 9 regional educational attendance area in which the person will be teaching has
 10 requested its issuance. A person who applies for a limited certificate shall
 11 demonstrate, as required by regulations adopted by the board, instructional skills and
 12 subject matter expertise sufficient to **assure** [ENSURE] the public that the person is
 13 competent as a teacher. The board may require a person issued a limited certificate to
 14 undertake academic training as may be required by the board by regulation and make
 15 satisfactory progress in the academic training. **To be eligible for a limited teacher**
 16 **certificate, a person shall have submitted fingerprints to the department to be**
 17 **used for a criminal history background check and have been found by the**
 18 **department to be suitable for employment as a teacher under AS 14.20.020(f).**

19 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.20.030 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

20 (c) The commissioner or the Professional Teaching Practices Commission
 21 shall revoke the certificate of a person who, within the preceding 10 years, has been
 22 convicted of a crime, or an attempt, solicitation, or conspiracy to commit a crime,
 23 involving misconduct involving a controlled substance under AS 11.71.010,
 24 11.71.020(a)(1), 11.71.030(a)(2), or 11.71.030(a)(3), or a law or ordinance in another
 25 jurisdiction with elements similar to an offense described in this subsection.