

**SENATE BILL NO. 179**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATOR THERRIAULT**

**Introduced: 4/8/03**

**Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act allowing teacher certification for certain persons based on a criminal history**  
2 **background check without fingerprints."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.20.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

5 (j) Whenever required by a provision of this chapter to submit fingerprints to  
6 use for a criminal background check for the purpose of determining a person's  
7 suitability for employment as a teacher, the department shall accept a name-based  
8 criminal history background check on a person from the agency performing the  
9 background check if the

10 (1) person cannot submit legible fingerprint cards due to a permanent  
11 disability that precludes the person's ability to submit fingerprints; or

12 (2) agency informs the department that its examination of at least two  
13 separate sets of fingerprint cards shows that the person's fingerprints are illegible due  
14 to a permanent skin condition.