

**SENATE BILL NO. 234**

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

BY SENATOR LINCOLN

Introduced: 5/21/03

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to secondary student competency testing and to school performance**  
2 **designations; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
5 to read:

6 INTENT. It is the intent of this Act to delay for two years the implementation of the  
7 high school graduation examination requirement and the school accountability process if the  
8 level of funding for public education is reduced from the amount of funding available in fiscal  
9 year 2003.

10 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.123(a) is amended to read:

11 (a) Beginning in September 2006 [2004], and during each of the following 12-  
12 month periods, the department shall assign each public school in each district the  
13 performance designation of distinguished, successful, deficient, or in crisis based on  
14 multiple student measures, including student achievement of essential skills. The state

1 board of education and early development shall establish this process by regulation.

2 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.123(f) is amended to read:

3 (f) Beginning January 1, 2007 [2005], and periodically during each of the  
4 following 12-month periods, the department shall monitor the progress of the  
5 implementation of each school improvement plan prepared under (e) of this section.

6 \* **Sec. 4.** Section 3, ch. 58, SLA 1997, as amended by sec. 7, ch. 94, SLA 2001, is amended  
7 to read:

8 Sec. 3. Section 1 of this Act takes effect February 1, 2006 [2004].

9 \* **Sec. 5.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
10 read:

11 **CONDITIONAL EFFECT.** This Act takes effect only if the amount of state funding  
12 appropriated by law in 2004 for distribution to school districts in the state under AS 14.17.410  
13 and for learning opportunity grant funding is less than the amount of state funding  
14 appropriated by law for distribution to school districts in the state under AS 14.17.410 and for  
15 learning opportunity grant funding in fiscal year 2003.

16 \* **Sec. 6.** If this Act takes effect, it takes effect 30 days after the director of the division of  
17 legislative finance notifies the revisor of statutes that the amount of state funding appropriated  
18 by law in 2004 for distribution to school districts in the state under AS 14.17.410 and for  
19 learning opportunity grant funding is less than the amount of state funding appropriated by  
20 law for distribution to school districts in the state under AS 14.17.410 and for learning  
21 opportunity grant funding in fiscal year 2003.