

HOUSE BILL NO. 345

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

BY REPRESENTATIVES WEYHRAUCH, Kerttula

Introduced: 1/9/06

Referred: House Special Committee on Education, Health, Education and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act raising the compulsory school attendance age; relating to the crime of**
2 **contributing to the delinquency of a minor; relating to truancy; and relating to**
3 **employment of a minor."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 11.51.130(a) is amended to read:

6 (a) A person commits the crime of contributing to the delinquency of a minor
7 if, being 19 years of age or older or being under 19 years of age and having the
8 disabilities of minority removed for general purposes under AS 09.55.590, the person
9 aids, induces, causes, or encourages a child

10 (1) under 18 years of age to do any act prohibited by state law unless
11 the child's disabilities of minority have been removed for general purposes under
12 AS 09.55.590;

13 (2) under 18 years of age or allows a child under 18 years of age to
14 enter or remain in the immediate physical presence of the unlawful manufacture, use,

1 display, or delivery of a controlled substance knowing that the manufacture, use,
 2 display, or delivery is occurring, unless the child's disabilities of minority have been
 3 removed for general purposes under AS 09.55.590;

4 (3) under 17 [16] years of age to be repeatedly absent from school,
 5 without just cause; or

6 (4) under 18 years of age to be absent from the custody of a parent,
 7 guardian, or custodian without the permission of the parent, guardian, or custodian or
 8 without the knowledge of the parent, guardian, or custodian, unless the child's
 9 disabilities of minority have been removed for general purposes under AS 09.55.590
 10 or the person has immunity under AS 47.10.350 or 47.10.398(a); it is an affirmative
 11 defense to a prosecution under this paragraph that, at the time of the alleged offense,
 12 the defendant

13 (A) reasonably believed that the child was in danger of physical
 14 injury or in need of temporary shelter; and

15 (B) within 12 hours after taking the actions comprising the
 16 alleged offense, notified a peace officer, a law enforcement agency, or the
 17 Department of Health and Social Services of the name of the child and the
 18 child's location.

19 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30.010(a) is amended to read:

20 (a) Every child who is [BETWEEN] seven years of age or older and under
 21 17 [16] years of age shall attend school at the public school in the district in which the
 22 child resides during each school term. Every parent, guardian, or other person having
 23 the responsibility for or control of a child who is [BETWEEN] seven years of age or
 24 older and under 17 [16] years of age shall maintain the child in attendance at a public
 25 school in the district in which the child resides during the entire school term, except as
 26 provided in (b) of this section.

27 * **Sec. 3.** AS 23.10.340(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) A minor under 17 [16] years of age may not be employed for more than a
 29 combined total of nine hours school attendance and employment in one day. If
 30 employed, the minor's work may be performed only between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m.
 31 Employment outside school hours may not exceed 23 hours in one week, domestic

1 work and baby-sitting excepted.

2 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
3 read:

4 REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION. The revisor of statutes is instructed to change the catch
5 line of AS 23.10.340 from "Children under 16" to "Children under 17."