

**SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR SENATE BILL NO. 167**

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to selection of textbooks and curriculum materials by a public school  
2 district or regional attendance area and annulling a regulation relating to statewide  
3 correspondence study programs."

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

5 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.07.050 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 14.07.050. Selection of textbooks and curriculum materials.**  
7 Textbooks **and curriculum materials** for use in the public schools of the state,  
8 including a district offered statewide correspondence study program, shall be selected  
9 by district boards for district schools. **Selection of textbooks and curriculum**  
10 **materials shall be based on an evaluation of quality and alignment with statewide**  
11 **accountability standards unless otherwise prohibited by AS 14.18.060. An**  
12 **evaluation of the quality of textbooks and curriculum materials must be based on**  
13 **a determination by the district of how well the textbook or material serves a**  
14 **measurable educational goal and associated teaching method.** Nothing in this

1 section precludes a correspondence study student, or the parent or guardian of a  
 2 correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or using textbooks or  
 3 curriculum material not provided by the school district.

4 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 14.08.111 is amended to read:

5 **Sec. 14.08.111. Duties.** A regional school board shall

6 (1) provide, during the school term of each year, an educational  
 7 program for each school age child who is enrolled in or a resident of the district;

8 (2) develop a philosophy of education, principles, and goals for its  
 9 schools;

10 (3) approve the employment of the professional administrators,  
 11 teachers, and noncertificated personnel necessary to operate its schools;

12 (4) establish the salaries to be paid its employees;

13 (5) designate the employees authorized to direct disbursements from  
 14 the school funds of the board;

15 (6) submit the reports prescribed for all school districts;

16 (7) provide for an annual audit in accordance with AS 14.14.050;

17 (8) provide custodial services and routine maintenance of school  
 18 buildings and facilities;

19 (9) establish procedures for the review and selection of all textbooks  
 20 and instructional materials, including textbooks and curriculum materials for statewide  
 21 correspondence programs, before they are introduced into the school curriculum; **the**  
 22 **review and selection of textbooks and instructional materials shall be based on an**  
 23 **evaluation of quality and alignment with statewide accountability standards**  
 24 **unless otherwise prohibited under AS 14.18.060; evaluation of the quality of**  
 25 **textbooks and instructional materials shall include a determination of how well**  
 26 **the textbook or material serves a measurable educational goal and associated**  
 27 **teaching method;** [THE REVIEW INCLUDES A REVIEW FOR VIOLATIONS OF  
 28 AS 14.18.060]; nothing in this paragraph precludes a correspondence study student, or  
 29 the parent or guardian of a correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or  
 30 using textbooks or curriculum material not provided by the school district;

31 (10) provide prospective employees with information relating to the

1 availability and cost of housing in rural areas to which they might be assigned, and,  
 2 when possible, assist them in locating housing; however, nothing in this paragraph  
 3 requires a regional school board to provide teacher housing, whether owned, leased, or  
 4 rented or otherwise provided by the regional educational attendance area, nor does it  
 5 require the board to engage in a subsidy program of any kind with respect to teacher  
 6 housing; and

7 (11) train persons required to report under AS 47.17.020, in the  
 8 recognition and reporting of child abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse of a minor.

9 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.14.090 is amended to read:

10 **Sec. 14.14.090. Duties of school boards.** In addition to other duties, a school  
 11 board shall

12 (1) determine and disburse the total amount to be made available for  
 13 compensation of all school employees and administrative officers;

14 (2) provide for, during the school term of each year, an educational  
 15 program for each school age child who is enrolled in or a resident of the district;

16 (3) withhold the salary for the last month of service of a teacher or  
 17 administrator until the teacher or administrator has submitted all summaries, statistics,  
 18 and reports that the school board may require by bylaws;

19 (4) transmit, when required by the assembly or council but not more  
 20 often than once a month, a summary report and statement of money expended;

21 (5) keep the minutes of meetings and a record of all proceedings of the  
 22 school board in a pertinent form;

23 (6) keep the records and files of the school board open to inspection by  
 24 the public at the principal administrative office of the district during reasonable  
 25 business hours;

26 (7) establish procedures for the review and selection of all textbooks  
 27 and instructional materials, including textbooks and curriculum materials for statewide  
 28 correspondence programs, before they are introduced into the school curriculum; **the**  
 29 **review and selection of textbooks and instructional materials shall be based on an**  
 30 **evaluation of quality and alignment with statewide accountability standards**  
 31 **unless otherwise prohibited under AS 14.18.060; evaluation of the quality of**

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 3 **teaching method;**[THE REVIEW INCLUDES A REVIEW FOR VIOLATIONS OF  
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 5 the parent or guardian of a correspondence study student, from privately obtaining or  
 6 using textbooks or curriculum material not provided by the school district;

7 (8) provide prospective employees with information relating to the  
 8 availability and cost of housing in rural areas to which they might be assigned, and,  
 9 when possible, assist them in locating housing; however, nothing in this paragraph  
 10 requires a school district to provide teacher housing, whether district owned, leased,  
 11 rented, or through other means, nor does it require a school board to engage in a  
 12 subsidy program of any kind regarding teacher housing;

13 (9) train persons required to report under AS 47.17.020, in the  
 14 recognition and reporting of child abuse, neglect, and sexual abuse of a minor;

15 (10) provide for the development and implementation of a preventative  
 16 maintenance program for school facilities; in this paragraph, "preventative  
 17 maintenance" means scheduled maintenance actions that prevent the premature failure  
 18 or extend the useful life of a facility, or a facility's systems and components, and that  
 19 are cost-effective on a life-cycle basis.

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

22 ANNULMENT OF REGULATION. 4 AAC 33.421(c) is annulled.