

SENATE BILL NO. 204

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Introduced: 1/9/06

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act imposing a maximum pupil-teacher ratio for grades one through three in**
2 **public schools."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.03.065. Maximum pupil-teacher ratio.** (a) In a public school, the
6 ratio of pupils to a teacher may not exceed 20 to one in a class in grades one through
7 three unless

8 (1) the school employs a part-time teaching assistant for each class
9 with more than 20 but less than 25 pupils; or

10 (2) the school employs a full-time teaching assistant for each class
11 with more than 24 pupils.

12 (b) In this section,

13 (1) "teacher" means a person who is certified under AS 14.20.020 and
14 is engaged in classroom teaching in a regular instructional program;

1 (2) "teaching assistant" means a person who is employed by a school
2 to provide classroom instructional services to pupils at the direction of a teacher.

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

5 PUPIL-TEACHER RATIO; APPLICABILITY. The requirements of AS 14.03.065,
6 added by sec. 1 of this Act, shall be implemented as follows:

7 (1) by July 1, 2007, the maximum pupil-teacher ratio must be met for grade
8 one;

9 (2) by July 1, 2008, the maximum pupil-teacher ratio must be met for grades
10 one and two;

11 (3) by July 1, 2009, the maximum pupil-teacher ratio must be met for all three
12 grades.