

HOUSE BILL NO. 384

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE KELLER

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Referred: Health, Education and Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the Department of Education and Early Development to establish an**
2 **electronic education records system and standards and requiring school districts to**
3 **establish and maintain electronic education records systems; requiring learning plans**
4 **for students; establishing the Merit Scholarship Task Force; and providing for an**
5 **effective date."**

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

7 *** Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding new sections to read:

8 **Sec. 14.03.118. Electronic education records.** (a) The department shall
9 establish a statewide electronic education records system and minimum standards for
10 the maintenance of electronic education records by a school district. A school district
11 must establish and maintain a local electronic education records system that is
12 consistent with the statewide system and standards established under this section.

13 (b) The standards established under (a) of this section must include

1 (1) security procedures and standards that allow varying levels of
2 access by a student, a student's parent or legal guardian, teachers, and authorized
3 school administrators;

4 (2) standardized software codes and terminology;

5 (3) electronic signatures;

6 (4) ownership of a student record by the student and, if the student is
7 under 18 years of age and unemancipated, the student's parent or legal guardian; and

8 (5) the opportunity for a student and, if the student is under 18 years of
9 age and unemancipated, the student's parent or legal guardian, to correct errors in a
10 record, to collaborate with the school to set student educational goals that are
11 contained in the record, and to consent to the release of a student record.

12 (c) In this section,

13 (1) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990;

14 (2) "education record" means information that is inscribed on a
15 tangible medium and maintained by a person acting for a school district that contains

16 (A) a student record; in this subparagraph, "student record"
17 includes student demographic, performance, or achievement data, a student
18 portfolio, or a student learning plan developed under AS 14.03.119;

19 (B) school or statewide accountability data or standards;

20 (C) class or district curriculum, or grading standards or
21 requirements;

22 (D) teacher qualifications or grading standards;

23 (3) "electronic education record" means an education record that is
24 stored in an electronic or other intangible medium and is retrievable in perceivable
25 form;

26 (4) "electronic signature" means an electronic sound, symbol, or
27 process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a
28 person with the intent to sign the record;

29 (5) "security procedure" means a procedure employed for the purpose
30 of verifying that an electronic signature, record, or performance is that of a specific
31 person or for detecting changes or errors in the information in a record created,

1 generated, sent, communicated, received, or stored by electronic means.

2 **Sec. 14.03.119. Student learning plans.** A school district shall develop a
3 student learning plan for each student enrolled in a school. The plan must include:

4 (1) diagnostic assignments and goals;

5 (2) a description of optional supplemental or tutorial recommendations
6 for implementation by the parent or guardian of the student for advancement toward
7 high school graduation;

8 (3) a record of student achievement of the goals and assignments.

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

11 **APPLICABILITY.** A school district shall apply the system and standards established
12 under AS 14.03.118, added by sec. 1 of this Act, to the electronic records of students enrolled
13 in grades kindergarten through

14 (1) four after the effective date of sec. 1 of this Act;

15 (2) five after August 1, 2010;

16 (3) six after August 1, 2011;

17 (4) seven after August 1, 2012;

18 (5) eight after August 1, 2013;

19 (6) nine after August 1, 2014;

20 (7) 10 after August 1, 2015;

21 (8) 11 after August 1, 2016; and

22 (9) 12 after August 1, 2017.

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

25 **MERIT SCHOLARSHIP TASK FORCE.** (a) There is created in the Department of
26 Education and Early Development the Merit Scholarship Task Force. The task force shall
27 develop a proposal for a merit scholarship program using criteria established in AS 14.03.119,
28 added by sec. 1 of this Act. The task force consists of five members as follows:

29 (1) one member appointed by the president of the senate;

30 (2) one member appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

31 (3) one member appointed by the governor; and

1 (4) two members appointed by the Board of Education.

2 (b) Members shall be appointed under (a) of this section based on the member's
3 known interest in and knowledge of education in the state. Members of the task force,
4 including those appointed under (a)(1), (2), and (4) of this section, serve at the pleasure of the
5 governor for a one-year term.

6 (c) The task force shall submit recommendations and proposed legislative changes to
7 the governor and the legislature by September 1, 2008, for introduction of a bill establishing a
8 merit scholarship program in the Twenty-Sixth Alaska State Legislature.

9 (d) The task force established under this section is terminated on December 1, 2008.

10 * **Sec. 4.** This Act takes effect August 1, 2009.