

**SENATE BILL NO. 31**

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

**BY SENATOR BUNDE**

**Introduced: 1/16/07**

**Referred: Senate Special Committee on Education, State Affairs, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to truancy."**

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

3 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.30.030 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 14.30.030. Prevention and reduction of truancy.** The governing body of  
5 a school district, including a regional educational attendance area, shall establish  
6 procedures to prevent and reduce truancy. **The procedures must include a definition**  
7 **of 'unexcused absence' and provide for the following interventions:**

8 **(1) for one unexcused absence in a month, notification of the**  
9 **parent or guardian;**

10 **(2) for two to four unexcused absences in the same month, a**  
11 **conference with the parent or guardian to discuss solutions to prevent truancy of**  
12 **the student;**

13 **(3) for five or six unexcused absences in the same month, more**  
14 **severe steps to end the truancy problem of the student, including entering into a**  
15 **written family agreement, referring a family for needed social services, or filing a**

1 petition with the appropriate court to enforce compulsory school attendance  
2 laws; and  
3 (4) for seven or more unexcused absences in a month or 10 or  
4 more unexcused absences in a school year, a petition to the court for a  
5 determination of juvenile delinquency under AS 47.12 or protection as a child in  
6 need of aid under AS 47.10.