

SENATE BILL NO. 156

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DAVIS

Introduced: 4/16/07

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

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to questionnaires and surveys administered in the public schools."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.110(a) is repealed and reenacted to read:

4 (a) A school district or an employee of a school district may not administer or
5 permit administration of a questionnaire or survey to a class or student unless written
6 permission is obtained from the student's parent or legal guardian. This subsection
7 does not apply to a questionnaire or survey that is anonymous or that concerns a
8 matter of public record or public observation.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.110(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

10 (b) If a school district administers an anonymous questionnaire or survey,
11 written permission from a student's parent or legal guardian is not required, but the
12 school district shall provide each student's parent or legal guardian the opportunity to
13 submit to the school principal a written denial of permission to take the questionnaire
14 or survey.

15 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.110(c) is repealed and reenacted to read:

1 (c) For purposes of (a) and (b) of this section, the school district shall provide
2 a parent or legal guardian at least two weeks' written notice of the right to deny
3 permission to take the questionnaire or survey before administering the questionnaire
4 or survey.

5 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.03.110(d) is repealed and reenacted to read:

6 (d) Written notice required to be given to a parent or guardian under this
7 section must include

8 (1) an opportunity to review the questionnaire or survey to be
9 administered;

10 (2) how the questionnaire or survey will be administered to the
11 student;

12 (3) how to submit written denial of permission to participate in a
13 questionnaire or survey, including an anonymous or specific questionnaire or survey.

14 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.03.110(e) is amended to read:

15 (e) A student may refuse to participate in a questionnaire or survey
16 administered in a public school. A student's parent or legal guardian may refuse to
17 allow the student to participate in a specified questionnaire or survey **by submitting to**
18 **the school principal a written denial of permission for the student's participation.**