

HOUSE BILL NO. 368

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

BY REPRESENTATIVE MILLETT

Introduced: 2/23/10

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring successful completion of a civics examination consisting of questions**
2 **from the civics portion of the United States naturalization examination; and providing**
3 **for an effective date."**

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

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

6 **Sec. 14.03.076. Secondary student civics testing.** (a) In addition to the
7 requirements in AS 14.03.075, a student may not be issued a secondary school
8 diploma unless the student successfully completes a civics examination consisting of
9 questions from the civics portion of the examination for naturalization required for
10 immigration into the United States under 8 U.S.C. 1446.

11 (b) At least once during each school year, the governing body of a school
12 district shall provide and score the civics examination required under (a) of this
13 section and shall provide opportunities for retesting and remediation for students who
14 fail the examination.

1 (c) The department shall develop the civics examination required under (a) of
2 this section.

3 (d) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a student who is a child with a
4 disability and who does not successfully complete the examination required under (a)
5 of this section, with or without accommodation, after one retest, is eligible to receive a
6 diploma if the student successfully completes an alternative assessment required by
7 the student's individualized education program or required in the education plan
8 developed for the student under 29 U.S.C. 794; an alternative assessment must, to the
9 maximum extent possible, conform to the standards established for the civics portion
10 of the naturalization examination.

11 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2011.