

HOUSE BILL NO. 52

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to providing a pre-elementary program within a school district; and
2 providing for the certification of early childhood education plans."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.060(e) is amended to read:

5 (e) In addition to the grades enumerated in (a) of this section, an elementary
6 school consists of a pre-elementary program supervised by the department under
7 AS 14.07.020(a)(8), operated by the department as a head start program under
8 AS 14.38.010, **provided by a school district for students three through five years**
9 **of age,** or located in a public school [FOR FEDERAL FUNDING PURPOSES.
10 EXCEPT FOR A CHILD WITH A DISABILITY WHO IS RECEIVING SPECIAL
11 EDUCATION OR RELATED SERVICES UNDER AS 14.30.180 - 14.30.350, PRE-
12 ELEMENTARY STUDENTS MAY NOT BE COUNTED IN A SCHOOL'S
13 AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP UNDER AS 14.17].

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

1 (g) A child who is three years of age on or before September 1 following the
 2 beginning of the school year and who is under school age may enter a public school
 3 pre-elementary program.

4 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.07.020(c) is amended to read:

5 (c) In this section, "pre-elementary school" means a school for children
 6 [AGES] three through five years **of age** if the school's primary function is educational,
 7 **and a pre-elementary program that is provided by a school district.**

8 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.07.165(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) The board shall adopt

10 (1) statewide goals and require each governing body to adopt written
 11 goals that are consistent with local needs;

12 (2) regulations regarding the application for and award of grants under
 13 AS 14.03.125;

14 (3) regulations implementing provisions of AS 14.11.014(b);

15 (4) regulations requiring approval by the board before a charter school,
 16 state boarding school, or a public school may provide domiciliary services;

17 (5) **regulations for the certification and implementation of a**
 18 **statewide plan to establish an effective means for providing early childhood**
 19 **education using the model curriculum developed by the department under**
 20 **AS 14.07.030(13); the plan must provide for a cost-efficient alternative to a pre-**
 21 **elementary program provided by a school district under AS 14.17.905(a)(2)(A)**
 22 [REPEALED].

23 * **Sec. 5.** AS 14.17.905(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) For purposes of this chapter, the determination of the number of schools in
 25 a district is subject to the following:

26 (1) a community with an ADM of at least 10, but not more than 100,
 27 shall be counted as one school;

28 (2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 425,
 29 shall be counted as

30 (A) one elementary school, which includes those students in
 31 grades kindergarten through six, **and, except as provided in (c) of this**

1 section, a pre-elementary program provided by a school district for
 2 students three through five years of age; and

3 (B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades
 4 seven through 12;

5 (3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 425, each facility that
 6 is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except that each
 7 alternative school with an ADM of less than 175 shall be counted as a part of the
 8 school in the district with the highest ADM.

9 * **Sec. 6.** AS 14.17.905 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (c) A school district may not include in the average daily membership of a
 11 school students who are three through five years of age if the students are enrolled in a
 12 program that

13 (1) complies with a statewide plan for implementing the model
 14 curriculum for early childhood education under AS 14.07.165(5); and

15 (2) receives funding other than funding under this chapter.