

HOUSE BILL NO. 24

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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Referred: Education, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and relating to limited**
2 **teacher certificates."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.20.025 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 **Sec. 14.20.025. Limited teacher certificates.** (a) Notwithstanding
6 AS 14.20.020(b) and 14.20.022, the department may issue a limited teacher certificate,
7 valid only in the area of expertise for which it is issued, to a person qualified under (b)
8 of this section to teach

9 (1) Alaska Native Culture;

10 (2) military science;

11 (3) vocational or technical education;

12 (4) any subject if the language of instruction is not English.

13 (b) A person may apply for a limited teacher certificate under this section if
14 the person is the subject of a request made under (c) of this section and demonstrates,

1 as required by regulations adopted by the board, instructional skills and subject matter
2 expertise sufficient to assure the public that the person is competent as a teacher. The
3 board may require a person issued a limited teacher certificate under this section to
4 undertake academic training as may be required by the board by regulation and make
5 satisfactory progress in the academic training.

6 (c) The department may issue a limited teacher certificate under this section
7 only if the school board of the district or regional educational attendance area in which
8 an applicant for a limited teacher certificate will be teaching submits a request to the
9 department for the limited teacher certificate to be issued to the applicant. A request
10 for a limited teacher certificate under (a)(4) of this section must specify the subject
11 and instructional language for which the certificate is valid.

12 (d) The board may adopt regulations necessary to implement this section. The
13 regulations may not require an applicant under (a)(4) of this section to achieve a
14 minimum score on an examination unless the examination is given in the instructional
15 language for which the limited certificate is valid.

16 (e) A limited teacher certificate issued under this section is initially valid for
17 one year. The department may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the board,
18 extend or renew a limited teacher certificate issued under this section if the school
19 board that initially requested the issuance of the limited teacher certificate requests
20 that the certificate be extended or renewed and certifies that the person has
21 demonstrated skills in classroom instruction and student assessment.