

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE**  
**HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS**

April 23, 2019

1:02 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, Chair  
Representative Chris Tuck, Vice Chair  
Representative Chuck Kopp  
Representative Geran Tarr  
Representative Steve Thompson  
Representative Sharon Jackson

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative George Rauscher

**COMMITTEE CALENDAR**

HOUSE BILL NO. 113

"An Act relating to employment preferences for spouses and children of veterans, disabled veterans, former prisoners of war, members of the national guard, and deceased service members."

- MOVED CSHB 113 (MLV) OUT OF COMMITTEE

HOUSE BILL NO. 109

"An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active duty military members."

- MOVED CSHB 109 (MLV) OUT OF COMMITTEE

**PREVIOUS COMMITTEE ACTION**

BILL: HB 113

SHORT TITLE: MILITARY FAMILY EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) JACKSON

03/27/19	(H)	READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS
03/27/19	(H)	MLV, L&C
04/16/19	(H)	MLV AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120
04/16/19	(H)	Heard & Held
04/16/19	(H)	MINUTE (MLV)
04/18/19	(H)	MLV AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120

04/18/19 (H) -- MEETING CANCELED --  
04/23/19 (H) MLV AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120

BILL: HB 109

SHORT TITLE: MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOOL RESIDENCY WAIVER

SPONSOR(S): REPRESENTATIVE(S) LEDOUX

03/25/19 (H) READ THE FIRST TIME - REFERRALS  
03/25/19 (H) MLV, EDC  
04/09/19 (H) MLV AT 1:00 PM GRUENBERG 120  
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#### **WITNESS REGISTER**

DENEEN TUCK, Staff  
Representative Gabrielle LeDoux  
Alaska State Legislature  
Juneau, Alaska

**POSITION STATEMENT:** On behalf of Representative LeDoux, sponsor of HB 109, explained changes to the bill made by the committee substitute labeled 31-LS0728\M, Caouette, 4/18/19.

#### **ACTION NARRATIVE**

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**CHAIR GABRIELLE LEDOUX** called the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. Representatives Thompson, Kopp, Jackson, Tuck, and LeDoux were present at the call to order. Representative Tarr arrived as the meeting was in progress.

#### **HB 113-MILITARY FAMILY EMPLOYMENT PREFERENCE**

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CHAIR LEDOUX announced the first order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 113, "An Act relating to employment preferences for spouses and children of veterans, disabled veterans, former

prisoners of war, members of the national guard, and deceased service members."

[Before the committee was the committee substitute for HB 113, Version 31-LS0715\U, Wayne, 4/15/19, adopted on 4/16/19.]

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REPRESENTATIVE TARR made a motion to adopt Amendment 1, labeled 31-LS0715\U.2, Wayne, 4/18/19, which read:

- 1 Page 2, line 28, following "natural":
- 2 Insert "child, stepchild,"
- 3
- 4 Page 7, line 27, following "natural":
- 5 Insert "child, stepchild,"

CHAIR LEDOUX objected for discussion purposes.

REPRESENTATIVE TARR said Amendment 1 is a simple update to the definition for family that will "make [the definition for family] a little bit more comprehensive."

CHAIR LEDOUX withdrew her objection.

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REPRESENTATIVE THOMPSON objected and, after clarification, withdrew his objection. Without further objection, Amendment 1 was adopted.

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REPRESENTATIVE TUCK moved to report the committee substitute (CS) for HB 113, Version 31-LS0715\U, Wayne, 4/15/19, as amended, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 113(MLV) was reported out of the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

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The committee took an at-ease from 1:07 p.m. to 1:09 p.m.

[Chair LeDoux handed the gavel to Vice Chair Tuck.]

**HB 109-MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOOL RESIDENCY WAIVER**

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VICE CHAIR TUCK announced the next order of business would be HOUSE BILL NO. 109, "An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active duty military members."

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REPRESENTATIVE KOPP moved to adopt the committee substitute (CS) for HB 109, labeled 31-LS0728\M, Caouette, 4/18/19, as the working document.

REPRESENTATIVE TARR objected for discussion purposes.

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DENEEN TUCK, Staff, Representative Gabrielle LeDoux, sponsor of HB 109, directed attention to the bill on page 1, lines 8 and 9, which read in part:

or pending transfer to a military installation in the state under an official military order ...

MS. TUCK then directed attention to the CS for HB 109, lines 8-10, which read in part:

...pending transfer under an official military order to a military installation in the state from another military installation within the state or from outside of the state.

MS. TUCK explained the first change made in the CS adds language to address [students] who transfer to districts within the state, or from districts outside the state. The second change was found on page 1, lines 11 and 12, which directs parents shall provide proof of residence within 10 days of the student's first day of attendance in the new school district. The third change was to add the National Guard to "active duty member of the armed forces of the United States" as found on page 1, lines 7 and 8. The final change was found on page 2, lines 2 and 3, which clarifies "residence" means the principal dwelling place of an active duty parent.

REPRESENTATIVE TARR removed her objection. There being no further objection, the CS was adopted.

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REPRESENTATIVE KOPP moved to report the committee substitute for HB 109, labeled 31-LS0728\M, Caouette, 4/18/19, out of committee with individual recommendations and the accompanying fiscal notes. There being no objection, CSHB 109(MLV) was reported out of the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs.

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The committee took an at-ease from 1:15 p.m. to 1:17 p.m.

[Vice Chair Tuck returned the gavel to Chair LeDoux.]

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**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the committee, the House Special Committee on Military and Veterans' Affairs meeting was adjourned at [1:17] p.m.