

AMENDMENT #26

OFFERED IN THE HOUSE
TO: CSHB 183(JUD)

by Rep. Story

1 Page 2, following line 6:

2 Insert new bill sections to read:

3 **"* Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.020(a) is amended to read:

4 (a) The department shall

5 (1) exercise general supervision over the public schools of the state
6 except the University of Alaska;

7 (2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of the state,
8 adopt or recommend plans, administer and evaluate grants to improve school
9 performance awarded under AS 14.03.125, and adopt regulations for the improvement
10 of the public schools; the department may consult with the University of Alaska to
11 develop secondary education requirements to improve student achievement in college
12 preparatory courses;

13 (3) provide advisory and consultative services to all public school
14 governing bodies and personnel;

15 (4) prescribe by regulation a minimum course of study for the public
16 schools; the regulations must provide that, if a course in American Sign Language is
17 given, the course shall be given credit as a course in a foreign language;

18 (5) establish, in coordination with the Department of Family and
19 Community Services, a program for the continuing education of children who are held
20 in juvenile detention facilities or juvenile treatment facilities, as those terms are
21 defined in AS 47.12.990, in the state during the period of detention or treatment;

22 (6) accredit those public schools that meet accreditation standards
23 prescribed by regulation by the department; these regulations shall be adopted by the

1 department and presented to the legislature during the first 10 days of any regular
 2 session, and become effective 45 days after presentation or at the end of the session,
 3 whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of
 4 the members of each house;

5 (7) prescribe by regulation, after consultation with the state fire
 6 marshal and the state sanitarian, standards that will ensure healthful and safe
 7 conditions in the public and private schools of the state, including a requirement of
 8 physical examinations and immunizations in pre-elementary schools; the standards for
 9 private schools may not be more stringent than those for public schools;

10 (8) exercise general supervision over early education programs that
 11 receive direct state or federal funding, including early education programs provided by
 12 a school district for students four and five years of age, approve an early education
 13 program provided by a school district that complies with the standards adopted by the
 14 board under AS 14.07.165(a)(5), and revoke approval of an early education program if
 15 the program does not comply with the standards adopted by the board under
 16 AS 14.07.165(a)(5);

17 (9) exercise general supervision over elementary and secondary
 18 correspondence study programs offered by municipal school districts or regional
 19 educational attendance areas; the department may also offer and make available to any
 20 Alaskan through a centralized office a correspondence study program;

21 (10) accredit private schools that request accreditation and that meet
 22 accreditation standards prescribed by regulation by the department; nothing in this
 23 paragraph authorizes the department to require religious or other private schools to be
 24 licensed;

25 (11) review plans for construction of new public elementary and
 26 secondary schools and for additions to and major rehabilitation of existing public
 27 elementary and secondary schools and, in accordance with regulations adopted by the
 28 department, determine and approve the extent of eligibility for state aid of a school
 29 construction or major maintenance project; for the purposes of this paragraph, "plans"
 30 include educational specifications, schematic designs, projected energy consumption
 31 and costs, and final contract documents;

1 (12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of vocational
2 education and training, and basic education to individuals over 16 years of age who
3 are no longer attending school; the department may consult with businesses and labor
4 unions to develop a program to prepare students for apprenticeships or internships that
5 will lead to employment opportunities;

6 (13) administer the grants awarded under AS 14.11;

7 (14) establish, in coordination with the Department of Public Safety, a
8 school bus driver training course;

9 (15) require the reporting of information relating to school disciplinary
10 and safety programs under AS 14.33.120 and of incidents of disruptive or violent
11 behavior;

12 (16) establish by regulation criteria, based on low student performance,
13 under which the department may intervene in a school district to improve instructional
14 practices, as described in AS 14.07.030(a)(14) or (15); the regulations must include

15 (A) a notice provision that alerts the district to the deficiencies
16 and the instructional practice changes proposed by the department;

17 (B) an end date for departmental intervention, as described in
18 AS 14.07.030(a)(14)(A) and (B) and (15), after the district demonstrates three
19 consecutive years of improvement consisting of not less than two percent
20 increases in student proficiency on standards-based assessments in language
21 arts and mathematics, as provided in AS 14.03.123(f)(1)(A); and

22 (C) a process for districts to petition the department for
23 continuing or discontinuing the department's intervention;

24 (17) notify the legislative committees having jurisdiction over
25 education before intervening in a school district under AS 14.07.030(a)(14) or
26 redirecting public school funding under AS 14.07.030(a)(15);

27 (18) establish a reading program to provide direct support for and
28 intervention in the reading intervention programs of participating schools as described
29 in AS 14.30.765 and 14.30.770;

30 (19) annually convene, either in person or electronically, a panel to
31 review and comment on the effectiveness of the programs created by the department

1 and the regulations adopted by the board to implement AS 14.03.410, 14.03.420,
2 AS 14.30.760 - 14.30.770, and 14.30.800; the panel

3 (A) shall provide recommendations and guidance to the board,
4 the department, and the legislature on how to integrate early education and
5 reading programs created under this title with tribal compacting or programs
6 focused on cultural education within the department;

7 (B) shall discuss support for reading in Alaska Native
8 languages and other non-English languages;

9 (C) must collectively represent the regions of the state and
10 include teachers of grades kindergarten through three, school administrators,
11 parents of students in grades kindergarten through three, stakeholders from
12 indigenous language immersion programs, representatives from early
13 education stakeholder groups, and researchers of best practices for improving
14 literacy performance, including best practices for instruction of indigenous
15 students and students whose first language is not English;

16 **(20) report annually to the board on investigations undertaken to**
17 **determine a student's biological sex under AS 14.18.150.**

18 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.07.020(a), as amended by sec. 16, ch. 40, SLA 2022, is amended to read:

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2 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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4 Page 3, following line 21:

5 Insert a new bill section to read:

6 "* **Sec. 5.** Section 3 of this act takes effect on the effective date of sec. 16, ch. 40, SLA

7 2022."

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9 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.

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11 Page 3, line 22:

12 Delete "This"

13 Insert "Except as provided in sec. 5 of this Act, this"