

AMENDMENT # 2

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1 Page 1, line 1, following "Act":

2 Insert "relating to maximum classroom sizes in public schools;"

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4 Page 1, following line 6:

5 Insert new bill sections to read:

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

7 **Sec. 14.03.065. Maximum classroom size.** Each school district shall
8 establish and make available to the public a target average class size policy for each
9 grade level. The target average class size for pre-kindergarten through grade six may
10 not exceed 23 and the target average class size for grades seven through 12 may not
11 exceed 30. The policy may exclude mixed grade classes and courses in art, library,
12 music, computer science, vocational-technical, and physical education. The policy
13 must include procedures to reduce class sizes when the school district determines a
14 reduction is appropriate.

15 *** Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.120(g) is amended to read:

16 (g) To the extent allowable under state and federal privacy laws, each district
17 shall annually report to the department information from the previous school year
18 regarding

19 (1) the number of students and teaching staff assigned to each
20 classroom in grades kindergarten through 12 [THREE];

21 (2) the number and percentage of students

22 (A) in grades kindergarten through three who demonstrated
23 improvement on expected grade-level skills on the statewide screening tool;

1 (B) in grades kindergarten through three who performed below
2 expected grade-level skills on the statewide screening tool, by grade;

3 (C) in grades kindergarten through three who did not progress
4 to the next grade and the reasons the students did not progress;

5 (D) in grade three who demonstrated sufficient reading skills to
6 progress to grade four based on the statewide screening tool;

7 (E) in grade three who progressed to grade four based on a
8 waiver under AS 14.30.765(f);

9 (F) in grade three who demonstrated sufficient reading skills to
10 progress to grade four based on an alternative standardized reading screening;

11 (G) in grade three who demonstrated sufficient reading skills to
12 progress to grade four based on a student reading portfolio;

13 (3) the performance on the statewide screening tool of students in a
14 grade above grade three who did not progress to grade four or who progressed to grade
15 four based on a waiver under AS 14.30.765(f)."

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17 Page 1, line 7:

18 Delete "Section 1"

19 Insert "Sec. 3"

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21 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.

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23 Page 4, line 26, following "purposes.":

24 Insert "A school in a district that has not adopted a policy under this section may not
25 allow a student to use an electronic telecommunications device during regular school hours,
26 including lunch and passing periods."

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28 Page 7, line 8:

29 Delete "Section 3"

30 Insert "Section 5"

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1 Page 7, following line 9:

2 Insert a new bill section to read:

3 **"* Sec. 12.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2026."
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5 Renumber the following bill section accordingly.
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7 Page 7, line 10:

8 Delete "This"

9 Insert "Except as provided in sec. 12 of this Act, this"