



AMENDMENT # 41

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TO: CSHB 69(RLS)

BY REPRESENTATIVE Ruffridge

1 Page 1, line 1, following "schools;": (title amendment)

2 Insert "relating to school and student performance reports; relating to school and
3 district accountability;"

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5 Page 3, following line 5:

6 Insert new bill sections to read:

7 **** Sec. 5.** AS 14.03.120(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) A district shall annually file with the department, and make available to the
9 public, a report that

10 (1) establishes district goals and priorities for improving education in
11 the district;

12 (2) includes a plan for achieving district goals and priorities; and

13 (3) includes a means of measuring student academic performance
14 over time [THE ACHIEVEMENT OF DISTRICT GOALS AND PRIORITIES].

15 *** Sec. 6.** AS 14.03.120(d) is amended to read:

16 (d) Annually, before the date set by the district under (e) of this section, each
17 public school shall deliver to the department for posting on the department's Internet
18 website and provide, in a public meeting of parents, students, and community
19 members, a report on the school's performance and the performance of the school's
20 students. The report shall be prepared on a form prescribed by the department and
21 must include

22 (1) information on accreditation;

23 (2) results of norm-referenced achievement tests that measure

1 **student academic performance over time;**

2 (3) results of state standards-based assessments in language arts and
3 mathematics;

4 (4) [A DESCRIPTION, INCLUDING QUANTITATIVE AND
5 QUALITATIVE MEASURES, OF STUDENT, PARENT, COMMUNITY, AND
6 BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT IN STUDENT LEARNING;

7 (5)] a description of the school's attendance, retention, dropout, and
8 graduation rates as specified by the state board;

9 (5) [(6)] the annual percent of enrollment change, regardless of reason,
10 and the annual percent of enrollment change due to student transfers into and out of
11 the school district;

12 (6) [(7)] if Native language education is provided, a summary and
13 evaluation of the curriculum described in AS 14.30.420;

14 (7) [(8)] the performance designation assigned the school under
15 AS 14.03.123 and the methodology used to assign the performance designation,
16 including the measures used and their relative weights;

17 (8) [(9)] other information concerning school performance and the
18 performance of the school's students as required by the state board in regulation; and

19 (9) [(10)] information on the number, attendance, and performance of
20 students enrolled in the school whose parents or guardians are on active duty in the
21 armed forces of the United States, the United States Coast Guard, the Alaska National
22 Guard, the Alaska Naval Militia, or the Alaska State Defense Force.

23 * **Sec. 7.** AS 14.03.123(a) is amended to read:

24 (a) By September 1 of each year, the department shall assign a performance
25 designation to each public school and school district and to the state public school
26 system in accordance with (f) of this section. **The performance designation must be**
27 **based on measurements of student academic performance over time.**

28 * **Sec. 8.** AS 14.03.123(f) is amended to read:

29 (f) In the accountability system for schools and districts required by this
30 section, the department shall

31 (1) implement state criteria and priorities for accountability including

1 the use of

2 (A) measures of student performance on standards-based
3 assessments in language arts and mathematics; the assessments must

4 (i) be selected with the input of teachers and school
5 administrators;

6 (ii) [AND] minimize disruption to classroom
7 instruction; **and**

8 **(iii) measure student academic performance over**
9 **time;**

10 (B) measures of student improvement and academic
11 achievement; and

12 (C) other measures identified that are indicators of student
13 success and achievement; and

14 (2) to the extent practicable, minimize the administrative burden on
15 districts.

16 * **Sec. 9.** AS 14.03.123 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

17 (h) Schools and districts may not use more than three hours of instructional
18 time in a school year to conduct the assessments required under (f) of this section.

19 (i) The department may not use the National Assessment of Educational
20 Progress to measure student academic performance or assign a performance
21 designation under this section."
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23 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.
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25 Page 5, following line 29:

26 Insert a new bill section to read:

27 **** Sec. 16.** AS 14.07.020(a) is amended to read:

28 (a) The department shall

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

31 (2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of the state,

1 adopt or recommend plans, administer and evaluate grants to improve school
2 performance awarded under AS 14.03.125, and adopt regulations for the improvement
3 of the public schools; the department may consult with the University of Alaska to
4 develop secondary education requirements to improve student achievement in college
5 preparatory courses;

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

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

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

15 (6) accredit those public schools that meet accreditation standards
16 prescribed by regulation by the department; these regulations shall be adopted by the
17 department and presented to the legislature during the first 10 days of any regular
18 session, and become effective 45 days after presentation or at the end of the session,
19 whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution concurred in by a majority of
20 the members of each house;

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

26 (8) exercise general supervision over early education programs that
27 receive direct state or federal funding, including early education programs provided by
28 a school district for students four and five years of age, approve an early education
29 program provided by a school district that complies with the standards adopted by the
30 board under AS 14.07.165(a)(5), and revoke approval of an early education program if
31 the program does not comply with the standards adopted by the board under

1 AS 14.07.165(a)(5);

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

6 (10) accredit private schools that request accreditation and that meet
7 accreditation standards prescribed by regulation by the department; nothing in this
8 paragraph authorizes the department to require religious or other private schools to be
9 licensed;

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

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

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

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

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

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

31 (A) a notice provision that alerts the district to the deficiencies

1 and the instructional practice changes proposed by the department;

2 (B) an end date for departmental intervention, as described in
3 AS 14.07.030(a)(14)(A) and (B) and (15), after the district demonstrates three
4 consecutive years of improvement consisting of not less than two percent
5 increases in student proficiency on standards-based assessments in language
6 arts and mathematics, as provided in AS 14.03.123(f)(1)
7 [AS 14.03.123(f)(1)(A)]; and

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

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

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

16 (19) annually convene, either in person or electronically, a panel to
17 review and comment on the effectiveness of the programs created by the department
18 and the regulations adopted by the board to implement AS 14.03.410, 14.03.420,
19 AS 14.30.760 - 14.30.770, and 14.30.800; the panel

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

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

26 (C) must collectively represent the regions of the state and
27 include teachers of grades kindergarten through three, school administrators,
28 parents of students in grades kindergarten through three, stakeholders from
29 indigenous language immersion programs, representatives from early
30 education stakeholder groups, and researchers of best practices for improving
31 literacy performance, including best practices for instruction of indigenous

1 students and students whose first language is not English."
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3 Renumber the following bill sections accordingly.
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5 Page 7, line 13:

6 Delete "sec. 14"

7 Insert "sec. 20"
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9 Page 8, following line 18:

10 Insert a new bill section to read:

11 **"* Sec. 23.** AS 14.03.123(c)(2), 14.03.123(c)(3), 14.03.123(c)(5), and 14.03.123(e) are
12 repealed."
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14 Page 10, line 3:

15 Delete "Sections 5 - 9"

16 Insert "Sections 10 - 14"
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18 Page 10, line 4:

19 Delete "secs. 5 - 9"

20 Insert "secs. 10 - 14"
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22 Page 10, line 5:

23 Delete "17"

24 Insert "24"
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26 Page 10, line 6:

27 Delete "Section 12"

28 Insert "Section 18"
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30 Page 10, line 8:

31 Delete "Section 15"

- 1 Insert "Section 21"
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- 3 Page 10, line 9:
- 4 Delete "secs. 21 - 23"
- 5 Insert "secs. 28 - 30"