

HOUSE BILL NO. 165

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Introduced: 3/31/25

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to maximum classroom sizes in public schools; relating to the duties of**
2 **school districts; and providing for an effective date."**

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

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

5 **Sec. 14.03.065. Maximum classroom size.** (a) Except for an art, library,
6 music, computer science, vocational-technical, or physical education course, the
7 maximum number of students a public school may place in a classroom is 23 for
8 grades kindergarten through three, 26 for grades four through eight, and 30 for grades
9 nine through 12. This subsection does not apply to a district with an average daily
10 membership of 35,000 or less in the previous school year.

11 (b) A district shall, by November 30 and February 1 of each year, provide
12 notice to each student's parent or guardian of

13 (1) the classroom size requirements of this section;

14 (2) the average classroom size for each grade level at each school in

1 the district for the current school year; and

2 (3) the number of students in the student's classroom.

3 (c) The number of students placed in a classroom in a public school may
4 exceed the maximum number set out in (a) of this section if the excess is caused by
5 one or more students transferring to the school after the first day of the current school
6 term.

7 (d) In this section,

8 (1) "average daily membership" has the meaning given in
9 AS 14.17.990;

10 (2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990.

11 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2026.