

HOUSE BILL NO. 313

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE RUFFRIDGE BY REQUEST

Introduced: 2/18/26

Referred: Education, Labor and Commerce

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to professional employee organizations in public schools; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Article 8. Professional Employee Organizations.**

6 **Sec. 14.20.700. Restrictions relating to professional employee**
7 **organizations in public schools.** (a) If the governing body of a school district allows
8 a professional employee organization to

9 (1) use school facilities or school communication systems, including
10 physical or electronic mailboxes, to communicate with or recruit members, the
11 governing body shall allow any professional employee organization equal access upon
12 the request of the organization;

13 (2) attend or participate in an orientation or meeting for new or
14 existing employees, the governing body shall allow any professional employee

1 organization an equal opportunity to participate in the orientation or meeting upon the
2 request of the organization.

3 (b) The governing body of a school district may not

4 (1) use the name or acronym of a professional employee organization
5 to identify a special day, school holiday, or school break on a school district calendar;
6 or

7 (2) grant exclusive access to school facilities or communication
8 systems to a professional employee organization.

9 (c) In this section, "professional employee organization" or "organization"
10 means an organization of professional employees that has as its primary purpose the
11 improvement of instruction and the professional status of its members.

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