

CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 151(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 5/12/25

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS BJORKMAN, Tobin

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to head lice and bacterial conjunctivitis 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 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5 **Sec. 14.30.144. Head lice and bacterial conjunctivitis policy in public**
6 **schools.** Each school district shall adopt a policy regarding

7 (1) students with live head lice; and

8 (2) bacterial conjunctivitis.

9 *** Sec. 2.** AS 14.30.144 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

10 (b) A school district that has not adopted a policy under (a)(1) of this section
11 shall allow a student found with live head lice to remain in the student's classroom
12 until the end of the school day, but following that school day the student may not
13 return to the classroom until a school nurse or the school nurse's designee, or other
14 health care provider if the school does not employ a school nurse, has inspected the

1 student's hair and confirmed the absence of live head lice. Upon discovering live head
2 lice in a student's hair, the student's school shall

3 (1) provide the student's parent or guardian with information on how to
4 treat head lice; and

5 (2) notify the parent or guardian of each student in the classroom of the
6 head lice in a manner that protects each student's privacy.

7 (c) A school district that has not adopted a policy under (a)(2) of this section
8 shall require a student found to have bacterial conjunctivitis to immediately leave the
9 student's classroom and may not allow the student to return to school for at least 24
10 hours after starting medical treatment for the bacterial conjunctivitis. Upon
11 discovering that a student has bacterial conjunctivitis, the student's school shall notify
12 the parent or guardian of each student in the classroom of the bacterial conjunctivitis
13 in a manner that protects each student's privacy.

14 (d) In this section, "school district" has the meaning given in AS 14.30.350.

15 * **Sec. 3.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect 180 days after the effective date of sec. 1 of this
16 Act.