

# Fiscal Note

State of Alaska  
2025 Legislative Session

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| Bill Version:       | SB 23     |
| Fiscal Note Number: | 1         |
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Identifier: SB023-EED-SSA-1-31-25  
 Title: CIVICS EDUCATION  
 Sponsor: STEVENS  
 Requester: (S) Education

Department: Department of Education and Early Development  
 Appropriation: Education Support and Admin Services  
 Allocation: Student and School Achievement  
 OMB Component Number: 2796

**Expenditures/Revenues**

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below. (Thousands of Dollars)

|                               | FY2026                  | Included in               | Out-Year Cost Estimates |         |         |         |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|                               | Appropriation Requested | Governor's FY2026 Request | FY 2027                 | FY 2028 | FY 2029 | FY 2030 | FY 2031 |
| <b>OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>FY 2026</b>          | <b>FY 2026</b>            |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Personal Services             | ***                     |                           | ***                     | ***     | ***     | ***     | ***     |
| Travel                        |                         |                           |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Services                      |                         |                           |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Commodities                   |                         |                           |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Capital Outlay                |                         |                           |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Grants & Benefits             |                         |                           |                         |         |         |         |         |
| Miscellaneous                 |                         |                           |                         |         |         |         |         |
| <b>Total Operating</b>        | ***                     | <b>0.0</b>                | ***                     | ***     | ***     | ***     | ***     |

**Fund Source (Operating Only)**

|              |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |
|--------------|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| None         |     |            |     |     |     |     |     |
| <b>Total</b> | *** | <b>0.0</b> | *** | *** | *** | *** | *** |

**Positions**

|           |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Full-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Part-time |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Temporary |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

**Change in Revenues**

|              |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| None         |            |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

**Estimated SUPPLEMENTAL (FY2025) cost:** 0.0 *(separate supplemental appropriation required)*

**Estimated CAPITAL (FY2026) cost:** 0.0 *(separate capital appropriation required)*

**Does the bill create or modify a new fund or account?** No  
*(Supplemental/Capital/New Fund - discuss reasons and fund source(s) in analysis section)*

**ASSOCIATED REGULATIONS**

Does the bill direct, or will the bill result in, regulation changes adopted by your agency? **Yes**  
 If yes, by what date are the regulations to be adopted, amended or repealed? **07/01/26**

**Why this fiscal note differs from previous version/comments:**

Not applicable, initial version.

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| Agency:      | Department of Education and Early Development |        |                     |

FISCAL NOTE ANALYSIS

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**Analysis**

This bill adds civics education and assessment to the list of secondary school graduation requirements. The State Board of Education must develop and maintain: 1) a statewide civic education and comparative government curriculum, 2) a 100 question civic assessment based on the civics portion of the naturalization examination used by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security, 3) a civics project-based assessment, 4) regulations to identify students who have attained a high level of proficiency in civic knowledge, civic skills, a civic mindset, and civic experiences, 5) a seal of civic readiness that may be attached to a student's school transcript and diploma. Students must receive a passing score of 70 percent or more on one of the assessments in order to receive a secondary school diploma.

The fiscal note is indeterminate due to the department needing more time to determine the costs associated with the various provisions in the legislation.