

Original

Education Committee
BY MR. GOSHILL

1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 83

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA
4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act to amend Section 37-7-1, of
7 Article I of Chapter 7, ACLA 1949, relating
8 to Compulsory Education."

9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA:

10 Section 1. Section 37-7-1, of Article I of Chapter 7,
11 ACLA 1949, is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 Section 37-7-1. WHEN ATTENDANCE COMPULSORY: EXCEPTIONS.

13 Every parent, guardian or other person in the Territory
14 having the possession or control of any child between seven
15 and (SIXTEEN) eighteen years of age, shall cause such child
16 to attend the public schools of the district in which the
17 child resides, for the full time during which such school
18 may be in session, or to attend a private school for the
19 same time, unless the physical or mental condition of such
20 child is such as to render attendance inexpedient or
21 impracticable, or such child has been excused for other
22 cause by an excuse in writing signed by a majority of the
23 school board, until such child has either reached the age
24 of (SIXTEEN) eighteen years ^{or has graduated from high school,}
25 ties are maintained in such district, has completed the
26 eighth grade; Provided, that children residing more than
27 two miles from a school shall not be required to attend
28 such school unless transportation is furnished; Provided,
29 further, that any child shall be excused from attendance

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when he or she shall have completed the highest grade maintained in the school district having jurisdiction over such child. Proof of absence from a public or private school shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section. It shall be the duty of each school board excusing a child from attendance at school, to forward to the Commissioner of Education a duplicate copy of such written excuse. Blank forms for use in excusing such child from attendance at school shall be provided by the Commissioner of Education.

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