

1 IN THE SENATE

BY SENATOR STEPOVICH

2 SENATE BILL NO. 54

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE TERRITORY OF ALASKA

4 TWENTY-FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act pertaining to the physical
7 examination of children in elementary and
8 secondary schools; amending Section
9 37-7-11 ACLA 1949, as amended by Chapter
10 118, Session Laws of Alaska 1949; repeal-
11 ing Section 37-7-15 ACLA 1949; prescribing
12 disbursement procedures; declaring
13 legislative intent; and declaring an
14 emergency."

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

16 Section 1. Section 37-7-11 ACLA 1949, as amended by Chapter
17 118, Session Laws of Alaska 1949, is hereby amended to read as
18 follows:

19 Section 37-7-11. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION OF CHILDREN IN
20 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS: EXCLUSION FROM ATTENDANCE:
21 VACCINATION. School boards (WITHIN INCORPORATED
22 MUNICIPALITIES, INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS, OR
23 INCORPORATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS,) and school officials (IN
24 AREAS OUTSIDE OF THESE JURISDICTIONS) including, where
25 applicable, the Commissioner of Education, exercising
26 administrative or governing functions over any elementary or
27 secondary school in the Territory of Alaska, other than
28 those schools which are supported directly by the United
29 States of America, shall provide and require a physical

1 examination of every child attending an elementary or
2 secondary school upon entering said school, or as soon
3 thereafter as may be practicable in communities where no
4 physician resides and at such regular intervals thereafter
5 as may be deemed advisable by (THE) such school boards, or
6 officials. (ADDITIONAL) Physical examinations may also be
7 required by the Commissioner of Health when deemed necessary.
8 Examinations shall be made by a competent physician, or when
9 a physician is not available, inspections may be made by a
10 nurse of the pupils attending said school, and said school
11 boards or school officials are authorized and empowered to,
12 and shall exclude from school attendance all children
13 afflicted with or suffering from, or who have been exposed
14 to or suspected of having, any communicable disease or
15 diseases, and are authorized and empowered to, and shall
16 require, if in the judgment of the Commissioner of Health
17 such actions are necessary for the welfare of the community,
18 the children attending said school to be vaccinated against
19 such diseases as the Commissioner of Health may specify;
20 provided, that the examination of pupils in this section as
21 above required shall be made under the general supervision
22 of the Commissioner of Health, who is hereby authorized to
23 expend not to exceed two and one-half dollars per pupil in
24 each (CITY AND RURAL SCHOOL) of said elementary and
25 secondary schools in said Territory each year out of funds
26 appropriated for this purpose in causing said physical
27 examinations to be made.

28 Section 2. The Legislature, recognizing that physical
29 examinations of school children are given primarily as a health

1 measure, hereby declares the intent and purpose of this Act to be

2 (A) The safeguarding of the health of school children
3 of the Territory of Alaska through provision for physical
4 examinations and vaccination of all school children in said
5 Territory not otherwise so provided; and

6 (B) The placing of supervisory responsibility for such
7 health measures in the Alaska Department of Health.

8 Section 3. There shall be appropriated to the Alaska
9 Department of Health funds in the treasury not otherwise
10 appropriated, sufficient to the carrying out of the purposes of
11 this Act. The Alaska Department of Health will ~~reimburse the~~ *add*
12 Department of Education, school boards, or other school officials
13 for examinations performed under this Act, not to exceed two and
14 one-half dollars per pupil.

15 Section 4. Section 37-7-15 ACLA 1949 is repealed.

16 Section 5. An emergency is hereby declared to exist and
17 this Act shall take effect immediately upon its passage and
18 approval.

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Page 3 Line 11 after the word will delete the words reimburse the and insert the following. "provide for reimbursement to and in a manner prescribed by the"