

1 IN THE SENATE

BY BEGICH

2 SENATE BILL NO. 15

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the definition of exceptional  
7 children."

8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

9 \* Sec. 1. AS 14.30.350(1) is amended to read:

10 (1) "exceptional children" means physically handicapped  
11 children, [AND] mentally retarded children, emotionally disturbed  
12 children, and gifted children;

13 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.30.350 is amended by adding new paragraphs to read:

14 (5) "emotional disturbance" means a factor of mental illness  
15 as determined by technical evaluation, psychiatric or psychological,  
16 which renders a child temporarily incapable of meeting the demands of  
17 the normal public school activities;

18 (6) "gifted child" means one whose observed or measured  
19 learning potential indicates high mental ability or superior achieve-  
20 ment, whose psychological and educational behavior enables him to  
21 assume the responsibility of a constructive leadership role, and  
22 whose needs cannot be fully met in regular classes of the public  
23 schools without the provision of additional services.

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