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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE RULES COMMITTEE

2 CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 135 (2d Rules)

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to negotiations with certified
7 employees of school districts and the mediation of
8 disputes; and providing for an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. AS 14.20.570 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

11 Sec. 14.20.570. MEDIATION. (a) Upon the written request for
12 mediation by an employee bargaining agency or a school board, and upon
13 certification by the requesting party that the parties cannot agree on
14 an independent private mediator and that good faith negotiations have
15 terminated in an impasse, the following occurs:

16 (1) Within seven days of the certification the requesting
17 party shall ask the United States Federal Mediation and Conciliation
18 Service to serve as the agency to resolve the dispute.

19 (2) The mediator shall chair all mediation meetings between
20 the disputing parties and attempt to resolve the differences between the
21 disputing parties and reach common acceptance of terms and conditions or
22 other items in dispute wherever possible.

23 (3) Within 30 days of the initial meeting of the parties to
24 the dispute the mediator shall have reduced all the agreed terms, con-
25 ditions and other items to a written contract. If mutually agreed the
26 period for reporting the contract to both parties may be extended.

27 (4) Each party to the dispute may select a team of not more
28 than five persons to present the evidence, thinking and position of the
29 group they represent, to the mediator.

1 (b) If the mediation meetings are held during the school day,
2 teachers representing an employee bargaining agency shall be released
3 from classroom or other assigned duties without penalty or loss of pay.

4 * Sec. 2. AS 14.20.580 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

5 Sec. 14.20.580. THE MEDIATION REPORT. (a) Within 10 days each
6 party to the dispute shall accept or reject in total the mediation
7 report.

8 (b) If rejected by either party, the mediator shall have an addi-
9 tional five days to review the objections and prepare a final report.

10 (c) If the final report is rejected by either side, the governor
11 may appoint an advisory arbitrator to review the issues and make recom-
12 mendations for solution.

13 * Sec. 3. AS 14.20.590 is repealed and re-enacted to read:

14 Sec. 14.20.590. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES. Negotiations agreements
15 executed after the effective date of this Act shall define "grievances"
16 and provide for grievance procedures for the certificated staff. The
17 grievance procedures shall provide that the final step in the procedure
18 shall be binding arbitration. The negotiations agreement shall provide
19 a method for the selection of an arbitrator.

20 * Sec. 4. This Act takes effect July 1, 1975.
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