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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 246

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to the state Board of Education and  
7 the commissioner of education."

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

9 \* Section 1. AS 14.07.075 is amended to read:

10 Sec. 14.07.075. CREATION. There is created within [AT THE HEAD OF]  
11 the Department of Education a Board of Education consisting of seven  
12 members. The board shall serve as an advisory council to the commis-  
13 sioner of education and shall have such other powers and duties as are  
14 provided in this chapter.

15 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

16 Sec. 14.07.147. COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION. (a) The governor  
17 shall appoint the commissioner of education from a list of qualified  
18 persons nominated by the board. The governor may request additional  
19 nominations. The appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority  
20 of the members of the legislature in joint session. The commissioner  
21 shall administer the department.

22 (b) The commissioner serves at the pleasure of the governor. If  
23 the office of commissioner becomes vacant, a successor shall be appointed  
24 in the manner provided for the regular appointment.

25 (c) The commissioner shall be appointed without regard to political  
26 affiliation and shall have at least a master's degree with five years'  
27 experience in the field of education from the date of receiving the  
28 degree, with at least three of the five years in an exclusively adminis-  
29 trative position.

1 (d) The board may submit a resolution to the governor requesting  
2 him to remove the commissioner. The resolution shall contain the  
3 grounds for the request. The governor shall afford the commissioner and  
4 the board an opportunity to be heard. If the governor finds the grounds  
5 to be sufficient and true, he may remove the commissioner from office.

6 \* Sec. 3. AS 14.07.150 is amended to read:

7 Sec. 14.07.150. BUDGET AND FISCAL AUTHORITY. The commissioner  
8 has responsibility and authority for the preparation and execution of  
9 a budget and for the other fiscal affairs of the department [, SUBJECT  
10 TO THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD].

11 \* Sec. 4. AS 14.07.160(a) is amended to read:

12 (a) The commissioner [BOARD] may adopt bylaws for the management  
13 of the department.

14 \* Sec. 5. AS 14.07.170 is amended to read:

15 Sec. 14.07.170. ADDITIONAL POWERS OF COMMISSIONER [BOARD]. The  
16 commissioner [BOARD] may

17 (1) appoint unpaid advisory commissions;

18 (2) require school boards or school personnel to submit to  
19 the department, in the form the commissioner [BOARD] may require, the  
20 district budget or any information or reports which are reasonably  
21 necessary to assist the department in carrying out its functions.

22 \* Sec. 6. AS 14.07.145 and 14.07.155 are repealed.  
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