

1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 323 am H

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to accreditation of and attendance at
7 private and denominational schools."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.07.020(6) is amended to read:

10 (6) accredit those public [, PRIVATE, AND DENOMINATIONAL]
11 schools which meet accreditation standards prescribed by regulation by
12 the department; these regulations shall be adopted by the department
13 and presented to the legislature during the first 10 days of any
14 regular session, and become effective 45 days after presentation or at
15 the end of the session, whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a
16 resolution concurred in by a majority of the members of each house;

17 * Sec. 2. AS 14.07.020(7) is amended to read:

18 (7) prescribe by regulation, after consultation with the
19 Department of Health and Social Services, standards that will assure
20 healthful and safe conditions in the public and private schools of the
21 state; the standards for private schols may not be more stringent than
22 those for public schools;

23 * Sec. 3. AS 14.07.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

24 (10) accredit private elementary and secondary schools which
25 request accreditation and which meet accreditation standards prescribed
26 by regulation by the department.

27 * Sec. 4. AS 14.30.010(b)(1) is amended to read:

28 (1) is provided an academic education comparable to that
29 offered by the public schools in the area, either by

1 (A) attendance at a private school in which the
2 teachers are certificated according to AS 14.20.020; [OR BY]

3 (B) tutoring by personnel certificated according to AS
4 14.20.020; or

5 (C) attendance at a private school in which the average
6 student proficiency is not less than the average proficiency found
7 in the public schools in the area as measured by national achieve-
8 ment tests; the Department of Education with assistance from repre-
9 sentatives of the private schools shall promulgate regulations
10 defining the subject areas to be tested and the minimum average
11 scores to be achieved;