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1 IN THE SENATE

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HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 12

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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ELEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to adult and adventure-based educa-
7 tion."

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

9 * Section 1. AS 14.07.020 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of voca-
11 tional education and training, basic education, and fire-service train-
12 ing to individuals over 16 years of age who are no longer attending
13 school.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 14 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

15 CHAPTER 11. ADVENTURE-BASED EDUCATION.

16 Sec. 14.11.010. ADVENTURE-BASED EDUCATION PROGRAM. An adventure-
17 based education program is a program designed to bring adventure-based
18 education to high school students and appropriate juvenile offenders. A
19 program shall include provisions for the following phases:

20 (1) Phase I: Basic Skills Learning

21 (A) physical conditioning: running, hiking, swimming,
22 and other related activities;

23 (B) technical training: the use of specialized tools and
24 equipment, camping, cooking, map reading, navigation, life saving,
25 drown proofing, and solo survival;

26 (C) safety training: first aid skills, emergency care,
27 preventative medicine, nutrition, health and personal hygiene care;

28 (D) team training: rescue techniques, evacuation exer-
29 cises, and fire fighting;

1 (E) solo: solitary living for a short period with mini-
2 mal equipment;

3 (F) interpersonal skills training: coping skills, indi-
4 vidual and group problem solving, and societal communication
5 skills;

6 (G) culturally relevant activities: traditional modes of
7 subsistence living, travelling and surviving in wilderness areas
8 and communities in Alaska, and cross cultural experiences.

9 (2) Phase II: Skills Generalization

10 (A) vocational counseling and placement;

11 (B) family and interpersonal counseling;

12 (C) community systems utilization:

13 (i) transportation,

14 (ii) community services systems,

15 (iii) community problem solving.

16 * Sec. 3. AS 47 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

17 CHAPTER 21. ADVENTURE-BASED EDUCATION.

18 Sec. 47.21.010. FINDINGS. The legislature finds that

19 (1) programs in use for dealing with juveniles who are found
20 under Alaska juvenile law and practice to require confinement or physi-
21 cal removal from their community are not providing certain juveniles
22 with the support and program content necessary to achieve a positive
23 self-image and attitudinal change which will result in acceptable social
24 behavior;

25 (2) programs have been developed and are operational which
26 have proven effective in both preventing and altering delinquent behav-
27 ior in certain types of problem juveniles;

28 (3) the programs would provide a mechanism for courts to
29 allow a positive change in juvenile offenders while matters are held in

1 abeyance under Childrens Rules 21(b)(1).

2 Sec. 47.21.020. ESTABLISHMENT. (a) The Department of Health and
3 Social Services shall establish an adventure-based education program
4 designed to bring adventure-based education to appropriate juvenile
5 offenders and others selected by referral agencies.

6 (b) Adventure-based education is a short-term, intensive training
7 program designed to remedy failure patterns and encourage development of
8 self-esteem, self-confidence, and social awareness in

9 (1) certain delinquent juveniles in the custody of the divi-
10 sion of corrections;

11 (2) certain juveniles identified by the schools, division of
12 social services, the courts, youth workers, or other community referral
13 systems, as being able to benefit from adventure-based education.

14 Sec. 47.21.030. PROGRAM. (a) An adventure-based education pro-
15 gram shall include provisions for the following phases:

16 (1) Phase I: Basic Skills Learning

17 (A) physical conditioning: running, hiking, swimming,
18 and other related activities;

19 (B) technical training: the use of specialized tools and
20 equipment, camping, cooking, map reading, navigation, life saving,
21 drown proofing, and solo survival;

22 (C) safety training: first aid skills, emergency care,
23 preventative medicine, nutrition, health and personal hygiene care;

24 (D) team training: rescue techniques, evacuation exer-
25 cises, and fire fighting;

26 (E) solo: solitary living for a short period with mini-
27 mal equipment;

28 (F) interpersonal skills training: coping skills, indi-
29 vidual and group problem solving, and societal communication

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skills;

(G) culturally relevant activities: traditional modes of subsistence living, travelling and surviving in wilderness areas and communities in Alaska, and cross cultural experiences.

(2) Phase II: Skills Generalization

- (A) vocational counseling and placement;
- (B) family and interpersonal counseling;
- (C) community systems utilization:
 - (i) transportation,
 - (ii) community services systems,
 - (iii) community problem solving.

(b) Criteria for adventure-based education programs shall be established by the Department of Health and Social Services and shall include provisions for

- (1) staff members with background experience in Outward Bound, NOLS, Alaska Wilderness Experience, Inc., or other similar wilderness skills programs or indigenous cultural experience;
- (2) minimum program standards.

* Sec. 4. AS 44.27.020(1) is amended to read:

(1) administer the state's program of education at the elementary, [AND] secondary, and adult levels, including, but not limited to, programs of vocational education and training, vocational rehabilitation, library services, [AND] correspondence courses, adult basic education, and fire-service training, but not including degree programs of postsecondary education;

* Sec. 5. AS 47.10.080(b) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

(5) order the minor committed to the Department of Health and Social Services for placement in an adventure-based education program established under AS 47.21.020 with conditions the court considers

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appropriate concerning release upon satisfactory completion of the program or commitment under (1) of this subsection if the program is not satisfactorily completed.