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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 320

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to training for certificated employees
7 of borough or city school districts or regional educa-
8 tional attendance areas; and providing for an effective
9 date."

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

11 * Section 1. AS 14.20 is amended by adding new sections to read:

12 ARTICLE 8. STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM.

13 Sec. 14.20.652. STAFF DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM REQUIRED. A borough or
14 city school district or a regional educational attendance area shall
15 establish a comprehensive staff development program including orienta-
16 tion training for newly hired certificated employees of the district or
17 attendance area and in-service training for all certificated employees
18 of the district or attendance area.

19 Sec. 14.20.654. ESTABLISHMENT OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
20 COMMITTEES. (a) A school board of a borough or city school district
21 or a regional educational attendance area shall create and supervise a
22 staff development planning committee.

23 (b) A majority of the members of the staff development planning
24 committee shall be classroom teachers employed by the district or
25 attendance area.

26 (c) If a staff development planning committee meeting is held
27 during the school day, an employee of the district or attendance area
28 who is a member of the committee shall be released from classroom or
29 other assigned duties to attend the meetings without penalty or loss of

1 pay.

2 Sec. 14.20.656. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT PLAN-
3 NING COMMITTEE. The staff development planning committee of a borough
4 or city school district or regional educational attendance area shall,
5 under the direction of the school board, plan and implement the compre-
6 hensive staff development program.

7 Sec. 14.20.658. APPROVAL OF PLANS BY DEPARTMENT. A school board
8 shall submit completed plans for a staff development program to the
9 department for approval no later than April 1 during the school term
10 before the term covered by the plans. The department shall approve or
11 disapprove a staff development program plan within 30 days. A staff
12 development program plan may be amended, subject to department approval.
13 Only an approved program is eligible for state money under AS 14.20.-
14 660.

15 Sec. 14.20.660. STAFF DEVELOPMENT TRAINING. The department
16 shall, subject to the availability of money appropriated for that
17 purpose, make payments to a borough or city school district or a
18 regional educational attendance area to assist the district or attend-
19 ance area to pay for the cost of implementing an approved staff develop-
20 ment program under AS 14.20.652 - 14.20.662. Assistance under this
21 section shall be made on the basis of a daily rate set by the department
22 to be paid for each certificated employee of a school district or rural
23 educational attendance area. A district or attendance area which has
24 fewer than 31 certificated employees is eligible for a higher rate than
25 that established for a district or attendance area with more than 30
26 certificated employees.

27 Sec. 14.20.662. REGULATIONS. The department shall adopt regula-
28 tions to implement the provisions of AS 14.20.652 - 14.20.662.

29 * Sec. 2. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.