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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR 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 employ-
7 ees of borough or city school districts or regional
8 educational attendance areas; and providing for an
9 effective 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 may
15 establish a comprehensive staff development program. A staff develop-
16 ment program shall include orientation training for newly hired certifi-
17 cated employees of the district or attendance area and in-service
18 training for all certificated employees of the district or attendance
19 area.

20 Sec. 14.20.654. ESTABLISHMENT OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT PLANNING
21 COMMITTEES. (a) If a school board of a borough or city school district
22 or a regional educational attendance area establishes a staff develop-
23 ment program under AS 14.20.652, the school board shall also establish
24 a staff development planning committee.

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

28 (c) If a staff development planning committee meeting is held
29 during the school day, an employee of the district or attendance area

1 who is a member of the committee shall be released from classroom or
2 other assigned duties to attend the meetings without penalty or loss of
3 pay.

4 Sec. 14.20.656. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE STAFF DEVELOPMENT PLAN-
5 NING COMMITTEE. A staff development planning committee established by
6 a borough or city school district or regional educational attendance
7 area under AS 14.20.645 shall, under the direction of the school board,
8 plan and implement a comprehensive staff development program.

9 Sec. 14.20.658. APPROVAL OF PLANS BY DEPARTMENT. To apply for
10 state money under AS 14.20.660 a school board shall submit completed
11 plans for a staff development program to the department no later than
12 April 1 during the school term before the term covered by the plans.
13 The department shall approve or disapprove a staff development program
14 plan within 30 days after receiving it from a school board. A staff
15 development program plan may be amended, subject to department ap-
16 proval. Only an approved program is eligible for state money under
17 AS 14.20.660.

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

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

3 * Sec. 2. Notwithstanding AS 14.20.658, a school board that applies for
4 state money under AS 14.20.660 to conduct a staff development program during
5 the school term beginning in 1982 shall submit a completed staff development
6 program plan to the Department of Education by July 1, 1982.

7 * Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.
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