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1 IN THE SENATE

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2 SENATE BILL NO. 717

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 TWELFTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to health education; and providing for
7 an effective date."

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

9 *Section 1. AS 14.30.360(a) is amended to read:

10 (a) Each district in the state public school system shall be
11 encouraged to initiate and conduct a program in health education for
12 kindergarten through grade 12. The program should include instruction
13 in physical health, [INCLUDING] alcohol and drug abuse education, dental
14 health, family health, environmental health, mental and emotional health,
15 nutrition, growth and development, health careers, safety, first aid,
16 prevention of health problems, and consumer health including appropriate
17 use of health services.

18 * Sec. 2. AS 14.30.360(b) is repealed and reenacted to read:

19 (b) The board shall establish by regulation guidelines for a
20 health education program. A member of the staff of the department shall
21 be designated as the health education person to work with regional
22 school health coordinators and other groups involved with health educa-
23 tion. Adequate consultation to school districts, and a program of
24 teacher training in health education shall be provided by the department.

25 * Sec. 3. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

26 Sec. 14.30.365. SCHOOL HEALTH EDUCATION AREAS. The department
27 shall establish three school health education areas. Each district in
28 the state public school system shall be included within one school
29 health education area. The department shall enter into a contract with

1 at least one person to be health education coordinator of each school
2 health education area. Not more than two health education coordinators
3 may serve one school health education area. Each health coordinator
4 shall develop health curriculum and resource materials and shall help
5 each school district in the regional school health education area
6 initiate and conduct a program of health education.

7 * Sec. 4. AS 14.30.370 is amended to read:

8 Sec. 14.30.370. EVALUATION. The health [HEALTH] education
9 program [PROGRAMS] conducted under AS 14.30.360 by a school district
10 shall be evaluated by the department during the third and fifth years
11 that the program is in effect. Changes in the program, the knowledge
12 and attitudes of the pupils of the district concerning health, and,
13 when appropriate, [DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER
14 CURRICULUM PROGRAMS ARE EVALUATED, EXCEPT THAT THE EVALUATION SHALL ALSO
15 INCLUDE CHANGES IN] the health status of the pupils as determined by
16 physical and dental examinations conducted under AS 14.30.070 and 14.30.-
17 120 shall be evaluated. A copy of the evaluation report shall be sub-
18 mitted to the legislature within 30 days after the beginning of a regu-
19 lar legislative session.

20 * Sec. 5. This Act takes effect July 1, 1982.
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