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SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 522

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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THIRTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

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For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to kindergarten programs in public
schools."

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

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* Section 1. AS 14.03.040 is amended to read:

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Sec. 14.03.040. DAY IN SESSION. Each day within the school term

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is a day in session except Saturdays, Sundays, and days designated as

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holidays by or according to AS 14.03.050. A school board may approve

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Saturdays as a day in session. The day in session in every school

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shall be at least four hours long, exclusive of intermissions, for the

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first, second, and third grades and five hours, exclusive of inter-

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missions, for all other grades. There is no minimal day in session

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requirement for a kindergarten program. The commissioner may approve

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a shorter day in session for any grade. The period of the day in

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session shall be devoted to the instruction of pupils or to study

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periods for the pupils.

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* Sec. 2. AS 14.03.060(a) is amended to read:

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(a) An elementary school consists of grades kindergarten through

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grade eight or any appropriate combination of grades within this

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range. Each school district shall offer a kindergarten program.

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* Sec. 3. AS 14.03.070 is amended to read:

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Sec. 14.03.070. SCHOOL AGE. A child who is five [SIX] years of

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age or who will become five [SIX] years of age before November 2

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following the beginning of the school year, and who is under the age

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of 20 and has not completed the 12th grade, is of school age.

1 * Sec. 4. AS 14.03.080(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) A child who is five years of age or who will become five
3 years of age before November 2 following the beginning of the school
4 year [, AND WHO IS UNDER SCHOOL AGE,] may enter a public school
5 kindergarten.

6 * Sec. 5. AS 14.17.250(4) is amended to read:

7 (4) "elementary school" means a school consisting of grades
8 [ONE THROUGH EIGHT,] kindergarten through eight, or an appropriate
9 combination of grades within this range;