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1 IN THE SENATE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND  
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 446 (HESS)

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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 a personal safety curriculum 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 14.07.020 is amended to read:

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Sec. 14.07.020. DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT. The department shall

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(1) exercise general supervision over the public schools of  
the state except the University of Alaska;

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(2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of  
the state and adopt or recommend plans for the improvement of the  
public schools;

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(3) provide advisory and consultative services to all  
public school governing bodies and personnel including the design of  
curricula for the public schools including materials relating to fire  
safety, health and hygiene, and the prevention of child abuse, sexual  
abuse; and domestic violence;

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(4) prescribe by regulation a minimum course of study for  
the public schools;

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(5) establish, in coordination with the Department of  
Health and Social Services, a program for the continuing education of  
children who are held in detention facilities in the state during the  
period of detention;

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(6) accredit those public schools that [WHICH] meet accred-  
itation standards prescribed by regulation by the department; these  
regulations shall be adopted by the department and presented to the

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1 legislature during the first 10 days of any regular session, and  
2 become effective 45 days after presentation or at the end of the  
3 session, whichever is earlier, unless disapproved by a resolution  
4 concurred in by a majority of the members of each house;

5 (7) prescribe by regulation, after consultation with the  
6 Department of Health and Social Services, standards that will assure  
7 healthful and safe conditions in the public and private schools of the  
8 state; the standards for private schools may not be more stringent  
9 than those for public schools;

10 (8) in cooperation with the Department of Health and Social  
11 Services, exercise general supervision over public and private pre-  
12 elementary schools and over the educational component of nurseries as  
13 defined in AS 47.35.080(4); pre-elementary schools in this paragraph  
14 means schools for children ages three through five years when the  
15 schools' primary function is educational;

16 (9) provide accredited elementary and secondary correspon-  
17 dence study programs available to any Alaskan through a centralized  
18 office of correspondence study;

19 (10) accredit private elementary and secondary schools which  
20 request accreditation and which meet accreditation standards pre-  
21 scribed by regulation by the department;

22 (11) review plans for construction of new public elementary  
23 and secondary schools and for additions to and major rehabilitation of  
24 existing public elementary and secondary schools and, in accordance  
25 with regulations adopted by the department, determine and approve the  
26 extent of eligibility for state aid of a school construction project  
27 begun after July 1, 1978; for the purposes of this paragraph, "plans"  
28 include educational specifications, schematic designs, and final  
29 contract documents;

- 1           (12) provide educational opportunities in the areas of  
2 vocational education and training, basic education, and fire- service  
3 training to individuals over 16 years of age who are no longer attend-  
4 ing school;  
5           (13) administer the grants awarded under AS 14.11.020.