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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE BILL NO. 8

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 FOURTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to a personal safety curriculum in
7 public schools."

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

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

10 Sec. 14.30.360. CURRICULUM. (a) Each district in the state
11 public school system shall be encouraged to initiate and conduct a
12 program in health education for kindergarten through grade 12. The
13 program should include instruction in physical health and personal
14 safety including alcohol and drug abuse education, cardiopulmonary
15 resuscitation (CPR), early cancer prevention and detection, dental
16 health, family health, environmental health, the identification and
17 prevention of child abuse, sexual abuse and domestic violence, and
18 appropriate use of health services.

19 (b) The state board shall establish by regulation guidelines for
20 a health and personal safety education program. The department, in
21 conjunction with the Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault,
22 shall review existing personal safety curricula and develop new cur-
23 ricula when appropriate. A school health education specialist posi-
24 tion shall be established and funded in the department to coordinate
25 the program statewide. Adequate funds to enable curriculum and re-
26 source development, adequate consultation to school districts, and a
27 program of teacher training in health and personal safety education
28 shall be provided.