

1 IN THE HOUSE

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2 SPONSOR SUBSTITUTE FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 96  
3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
4 FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to kindergarten programs and  
7 compulsory education; and providing for an effective  
8 date."

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

10 \* Section 1. AS 14.03.040 is amended to read:

11 Sec. 14.03.040. DAY IN SESSION. Each day within the school term  
12 is a day in session except Saturdays, Sundays, and days designated as  
13 holidays by or according to AS 14.03.050. A school board may approve  
14 Saturdays as a day in session. The day in session in every school  
15 shall be at least two and one-half hours, exclusive of intermissions,  
16 for kindergarten; four hours [LONG], exclusive of intermissions, for  
17 the first, second, and third grades; and five hours, exclusive of  
18 intermissions, for all other grades. The commissioner may approve a  
19 shorter day in session for any grade. The period of the day in  
20 session shall be devoted to the instruction of pupils or to study  
21 periods for the pupils.

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

23 (a) An elementary school consists of grades kindergarten through  
24 grade eight or any appropriate combination of grades within this  
25 range. Each school district shall offer a kindergarten program.

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

27 Sec. 14.03.070. SCHOOL AGE. A child who is five [SIX] years of  
28 age or who will become five [SIX] years of age before June 2 preceding  
29 [NOVEMBER 2 FOLLOWING] the beginning of the school year, and who is

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

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

4 (d) A child who is five years of age [OR WHO WILL BECOME FIVE  
5 YEARS OF AGE] before June 2 preceding [NOVEMBER 2 FOLLOWING] the  
6 beginning of the school year [, AND WHO IS UNDER SCHOOL AGE,] may  
7 enter a public school kindergarten.

8 \* Sec. 5. AS 14.03.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

9 (f) A school board may require that a child attend kindergarten  
10 before the child is permitted to enter first grade.

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

12 (5) "elementary school" means a school consisting of grades  
13 [ONE THROUGH EIGHT,] kindergarten through eight, special education  
14 pre-elementary through six, or an appropriate combination of grades  
15 within this range;

16 \* Sec. 7. AS 14.30.010(a) is amended to read:

17 (a) Every child between six [SEVEN] and 16 years of age shall  
18 attend school at the public school in the district in which the child  
19 resides during each school term. Every parent, guardian, or other  
20 person having the responsibility for or control of a child between six  
21 [SEVEN] and 16 years of age shall ensure [INSURE] that the child is  
22 not absent from attendance.

23 \* Sec. 8. This Act takes effect July 1, 1987.