

1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 562

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to regional school boards."

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

8 * Section 1. AS 14.08.101 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 14.08.101. POWERS. A regional school board may

10 (1) sue and be sued, except that a regional school board
11 may not file a petition as a debtor under 11 U.S.C. 901 - 946 (Bank-
12 ruptcy Reform Act of 1978);

13 (2) contract with the department, the Bureau of Indian
14 Affairs, or any other school district, agency, or regional board for
15 the provision of services, facilities, supplies or utilities;

16 (3) determine its own fiscal procedures including but not
17 limited to policies and procedures for the purchase of supplies and
18 equipment; the regional school boards are exempt from AS 37.05 (Fiscal
19 Procedures Act) and AS 36.30 (State Procurement Code);

20 (4) appoint, compensate and otherwise control all school
21 employees in accordance with this title; these employees are not
22 subject to AS 39.25 (State Personnel Act);

23 (5) adopt regulations governing organization, policies and
24 procedures for the operation of the schools;

25 (6) establish, maintain, operate, discontinue and combine
26 schools subject to the approval of the commissioner;

27 (7) recommend to the department projects for construction,
28 rehabilitation, and improvement of schools and education-related
29 facilities as specified in AS 14.11.010(a), and plan, design, and

1 construct the project when the responsibility for it is assumed under
2 AS 14.11.020;

3 (8) by resolution adopted by a majority of all the members
4 of the board and provided to the commissioner of the department,
5 assume ownership of all land and buildings used in relation to the
6 schools in the regional educational attendance area;

7 (9) provide housing for rental to teachers, by leasing
8 existing housing from a local agency or individual, or by entering
9 into contractual arrangements with a local agency or individual to
10 lease housing that will be constructed by the local agency or indi-
11 vidual for that purpose;

12 (10) exercise those other functions that may be necessary
13 for the proper performance of its responsibilities.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 14.08 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 14.08.125. AUTHORITY TO REVIEW AND APPROVE CONTRACTS.
16 Notwithstanding AS 14.08.101, if requested by the state Board of
17 Education, a regional school board shall submit each contract that the
18 regional school board intends to enter into or renew, for review and
19 approval by the state Board of Education. A contract required to be
20 submitted to the state Board of Education under this section is not
21 valid unless approved by the state Board of Education. In this sec-
22 tion "contract" includes employment, services, facilities, supplies,
23 or utilities contracts.