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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 203 (HESS)

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to requirements for limited teacher
7 certificates; defining 'teacher'; and providing for
8 an effective date."

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

10 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to provide for the
11 certification of teachers in certain limited fields where baccalaureate
12 degree training is not sufficiently available, so long as the person demon-
13 strates both subject matter expertise and teaching competency.

14 * Sec. 2. AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 14.20.025. OTHER TEACHER CERTIFICATES. Notwithstanding
16 AS 14.20.020(b), a person may be issued a limited certificate, valid
17 only in the area of expertise for which it is issued, to teach Alaska
18 Native language or culture, military science, or a vocational or
19 technical course for which the board determines by regulation that
20 baccalaureate degree training is not sufficiently available. A person
21 who applies for a limited certificate must demonstrate, as required by
22 regulations adopted by the board, instructional skills and subject
23 matter expertise sufficient to ensure the public that the person is
24 competent as a teacher. The board may require a person issued a
25 limited certificate to undertake academic training as may be required
26 by the board by regulation and make satisfactory progress in the
27 academic training.

28 * Sec. 3. AS 14.20.215(6) is repealed and reenacted to read:

29 (6) "teacher" means a person who, for compensation,

1 instructs or teaches elementary or secondary school students, and who
2 is not supervised by another person in the same room or classroom, and
3 also includes

4 (A) an individual serving in an administrative capac-
5 ity who supervises teachers;

6 (B) a provider of special education and related ser-
7 vices;

8 (C) a school counselor;

9 (D) a school nurse; and

10 (E) a school psychologist.

11 * Sec. 4. AS 14.20.025 is repealed June 30, 1995.

12 * Sec. 5. The Board of Education shall report to the legislature on or
13 before January 15, 1994, concerning the implementation of AS 14.20.025,
14 enacted by sec. 2 of this Act. The report shall include the number of
15 certificates issued under that section and other relevant information.

16 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1989.