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1 IN THE HOUSE

BY THE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND
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CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 231 (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 establishing a state education policy; relat-
7 ing to powers and duties of school districts, the
8 Department of Education, and the State Board of
9 Education with respect to education planning and
10 planning grants; requiring regional school boards to
11 establish and consult with advisory boards; and
12 providing for an effective date."

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

14 * Section 1. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

15 Sec. 14.03.015. STATE EDUCATION POLICY. It is the policy of
16 this state that the purpose of education is to help ensure that all
17 students will succeed in their education and work, shape worthwhile
18 and satisfying lives for themselves, exemplify the best values of
19 society, and be effective in improving the character and quality of
20 the world about them.

21 * Sec. 2. AS 14.03 is amended by adding new sections to read:

22 Sec. 14.03.120. EDUCATION PLANNING. (a) A district shall
23 annually file with the department, and make available to the public, a
24 report that

25 (1) establishes goals and priorities for improving educa-
26 tion in the district;

27 (2) includes a plan, not longer than three pages in length,
28 for achieving district goals and priorities; and

29 (3) includes a means of measuring the achievement of goals

1 and priorities.

2 (b) The department shall summarize the reports submitted under
3 (a) of this section and provide a copy to each member of the legisla-
4 ture.

5 (c) Students, parents, teachers, and other members of the commu-
6 nity shall be encouraged by the district to participate in the prepa-
7 ration of the report submitted under (a) of this section.

8 (d) Each district shall, by October 31 of each year, provide to
9 the governing body and the department, and make available to the
10 public, a report on the performance of each public school in the
11 district. The report must include

12 (1) results of basic skills achievement tests and national
13 standardized undergraduate college entrance examinations, with appro-
14 priate comparisons; results under this paragraph must be disclosed in
15 a manner that does not reveal the individual identities of students;

16 (2) student, parent, and community member comments on the
17 school's performance;

18 (3) attendance, retention, and graduation rates; and

19 (4) information on school awards or honors.

20 (e) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.-
21 17.250.

22 Sec. 14.03.125. EDUCATION PLANNING GRANT FUND. (a) The educa-
23 tion planning grant fund is created as an account in the general fund.
24 The fund shall be used by the board to make grants to a district
25 located in the state for education planning. The fund consists of
26 money appropriated by the legislature.

27 (b) A governing body located in the state may apply for an
28 education planning grant by submitting an application to the board.
29 An application must include

- 1 (1) a description of the education planning process;
- 2 (2) how the planning process is intended to improve student
3 performance;
- 4 (3) the method used to evaluate improvements in student
5 performance;
- 6 (4) the plan that will be implemented to garner and main-
7 tain community involvement in the planning process; and
- 8 (5) a proposed budget detailing the expenditure of all
9 grant funds.

10 (c) In a fiscal year, the board may not award more than \$15,000
11 in grant funds to a district and shall award grants to a diversity of
12 districts and regions. A grant may not be awarded to the same dis-
13 trict for more than two consecutive fiscal years. The board may
14 withhold a grant from a district that the board determines has not
15 attempted to actively involve students, parents, teachers, and other
16 members of the community in education planning in the district.

17 (d) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.-
18 17.250.

19 * Sec. 3. AS 14.07.020(a)(2) is amended to read:

20 (2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of
21 the state, [AND] adopt or recommend plans, administer planning grants
22 under AS 14.03.125, and adopt regulations for the improvement of the
23 public schools;

24 * Sec. 4. AS 14.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

25 Sec. 14.07.165. DUTIES. The board shall adopt and require each
26 governing body to adopt written goals that are consistent with AS 14.-
27 03.015 and shall administer education planning grants awarded under
28 AS 14.03.125.

29 * Sec. 5. AS 14.08.115 is amended to read:

1 Sec. 14.08.115. ADVISORY SCHOOL BOARDS IN REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL
2 ATTENDANCE AREAS. A regional school board shall [MAY] establish
3 advisory school boards in each community in the regional educational
4 attendance area that has more than 50 permanent residents, and by
5 regulation shall prescribe their manner of selection and organization,
6 and their powers and duties. A regional school board shall consult
7 with the appropriate advisory board regarding organization and opera-
8 tion of schools and appointment of personnel.

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