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1 IN THE HOUSE

2 HOUSE BILL NO. 325

3 IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

4 SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

5 A BILL

6 For an Act entitled: "An Act relating to public school health and personal
7 safety education."

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 comprehensive health education for kindergarten through
13 grade 12. The program must [SHOULD] include

14 (1) age appropriate instruction in physical health and
15 personal safety including alcohol and substance [DRUG] abuse educa-
16 tion, cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), human sexuality and repro-
17 ductive health, pregnancy prevention, prevention of acquired immune
18 deficiency syndrome and other sexually transmitted diseases, parent-
19 ing, suicide prevention, early cancer prevention and detection, dental
20 health, family health, environmental health, the identification and
21 prevention of child abuse, child abduction, neglect, sexual abuse and
22 domestic violence, and appropriate use of health services; and

23 (2) training, support groups, and pertinent literature
24 designed to encourage parents and other members of the community to
25 participate in health and personal safety education.

26 (b) The state board shall establish guidelines for a health and
27 personal safety education program. Personal safety guidelines shall
28 be developed in consultation with the Council on Domestic Violence and
29 Sexual Assault. Upon request, the Department of Education, the

1 Department of Health and Social Services, and the Council on Domestic
2 Violence and Sexual Assault shall provide technical assistance to
3 school districts in the development of personal safety curricula. A
4 school health and personal safety education specialist position shall
5 be established and funded in the department to coordinate the program
6 statewide. Adequate funds to enable curriculum and resource develop-
7 ment, adequate consultation to school districts, and a program of
8 [TEACHER] training and periodic staff development for administrators
9 and teachers in health and personal safety education shall be provid-
10 ed.