

BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

1 IN THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL NO. 469

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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SIXTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND 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, grants
10 for the improvement of school performance, early
11 childhood education, and preventative maintenance of
12 school facilities; requiring regional school boards
13 to establish and consult with advisory boards; and
14 providing for an effective date."

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

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

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

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

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

27 (1) establishes district goals and priorities for improving
28 education in the district;

29 (2) includes a plan for achieving district goals and

1 priorities; and

2 (3) includes a means of measuring the achievement of dis-
3 trict goals and priorities.

4 (b) The department shall summarize the reports submitted under
5 (a) of this section as a statewide report, and provide a copy to the
6 governor and to each member of the legislature.

7 (c) A district shall make efforts to encourage students, par-
8 ents, teachers, and other members of the community to participate in
9 the preparation of the report submitted under (a) of this section.

10 (d) A district shall, by October 31 of each year, provide to the
11 state board, and make available to the public, a report on the per-
12 formance of each public school and public school students in the
13 district. The report must be entitled "School District Report Card To
14 The Public" and must be prepared on a form prescribed by the depart-
15 ment. The report must include

16 (1) the percent of district students in the top and bottom
17 quarter of standardized national achievement examinations; results
18 under this paragraph shall be disclosed in a manner that does not
19 reveal the individual identities of students;

20 (2) the percent of students who are not promoted to the
21 next grade;

22 (3) student, parent, and community member comments on the
23 school's performance;

24 (4) the annual percent change in enrollment and the percent
25 of enrollment change due to student transfers into and out of the
26 district;

27 (5) attendance, retention, and graduation rates;

28 (6) other indicators of school performance required by the
29 state board; and

1 (7) other indicators of school performance selected by the
2 district.

3 (e) The department shall, by January 15 of each year, provide to
4 the legislature and the governor, and make available to the public, a
5 summary comparison of the reports submitted under (d) of this section
6 in the previous year. The summary comparison shall be prepared in a
7 manner that allows school performance to be measured against state and
8 district education goals established in prior years.

9 (f) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.-
10 17.250.

11 Sec. 14.03.125. FUND FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE.

12 (a) The fund for the improvement of school performance is created as
13 an account in the general fund. The fund shall be used by the commis-
14 sioner to make grants to a district located in the state for the
15 purpose of improving school performance. The fund consists of money
16 appropriated by the legislature. The commissioner shall annually
17 determine the amount required for grants under this section and shall
18 include the amount in the department's budget request.

19 (b) A governing body, district advisory board, or nonprofit
20 organization located in the state, or a teacher or principal employed
21 by a public school in the state, may apply for a grant to improve
22 school performance by submitting an application to the commissioner.

23 (c) A grant may be awarded to the same grantee in consecutive
24 fiscal years, but may not be awarded to the same grantee for more than
25 two fiscal years within a five-year period.

26 (d) Grant funds awarded under this section may only be expended
27 to improve the performance of a public school.

28 (e) In this section, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.-
29 17.250.

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

2 (2) study the conditions and needs of the public schools of
3 the state, [AND] adopt or recommend plans, administer and evaluate
4 grants to improve school performance awarded under AS 14.03.125, and
5 adopt regulations for the improvement of the public schools;

6 * Sec. 4. AS 14.07.030 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

7 (13) develop a model curriculum and provide technical assis-
8 tance for early childhood education programs.

9 * Sec. 5. AS 14.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 Sec. 14.07.165. DUTIES. The board shall adopt

11 (1) statewide goals and require each governing body to
12 adopt written goals that are consistent with local needs;

13 (2) regulations regarding the application for and award of
14 grants under AS 14.03.125.

15 * Sec. 6. AS 14.08.115 is amended to read:

16 Sec. 14.08.115. ADVISORY SCHOOL BOARDS IN REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL
17 ATTENDANCE AREAS. A regional school board shall [MAY] establish
18 advisory school boards in each community in the regional educational
19 attendance area that has more than 50 permanent residents, and by
20 regulation shall prescribe their manner of selection and organization,
21 and, in a manner consistent with (b) of this section, their powers and
22 duties.

23 * Sec. 7. AS 14.08.115 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

24 (b) An advisory board shall advise the regional school board on
25 all matters concerning schools in the community in which the advisory
26 board is established.

27 * Sec. 8. AS 14.14.090 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

28 (10) provide for the development and implementation of a
29 preventative maintenance program for school facilities; in this

1 paragraph, "preventative maintenance" means scheduled maintenance
2 actions that prevent the premature failure or extend the useful life
3 of a facility, or a facility's systems and components, and that are
4 cost-effective on a life-cycle basis.

5 * Sec. 9. This Act takes effect July 1, 1990.