

**HOUSE BILL NO. 319**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION**

**BY REPRESENTATIVES B.DAVIS, Ellis, Bruckman, Ulmer**

**Introduced: 5/8/91**

**Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

**1 "An Act imposing a maximum pupil-teacher ratio in public schools; and providing for an**  
**2 effective date."**

**3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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

**5           Sec. 14.03.065. MAXIMUM EFFECTIVE CLASS SIZE. (a) In a public school class,**  
**6           other than an art, typing, library, music, vocational-technical, or physical education class, the ratio**  
**7           of pupils to a teacher may not exceed 15 to 1 in a class in grades K - 3, 20 to 1 in a class in**  
**8           grades 4 - 6, and 25 to 1 in a class in grades 7 - 12.**

**9           (b) The pupil-teacher ratio required under this section does not apply during the final**  
**10           eight weeks of each school year.**

**11           (c) A district shall annually report to the department the district's ratio of pupils to a**  
**12           teacher in each class required to meet the ratio set out in (a) of this section. The ratio reported**  
**13           shall be the average of the daily ratio taken over the same period in October used to determine**  
**14           average daily membership under AS 14.17.160.**

1           (d) In this section, "teacher" means a person who is certified under AS 14.20.020 and  
2           who is an actual classroom teacher in a regular instructional program.

3    \* **Sec. 2. TRANSITION.** Before July 1, 1996, notwithstanding AS 14.03.065, enacted in sec. 1 of  
4 this Act, the ratio of pupils to a teacher in a class may be higher than the ratio required under  
5 AS 14.03.065, enacted by sec. 1 of this Act, if the actual number of pupils in the present class has  
6 declined by two or more when compared to pupils in the same class and grade in the previous school  
7 year.

8    \* **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.