

**CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 319 (HES)**  
**IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA**  
**SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION**  
**BY THE HOUSE HEALTH, EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**Offered: 2/13/92**  
**Referred: Finance**

**Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES B.DAVIS, Ellis, Bruckman, Ulmer, Donley**

**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

10                   (1) during the final eight weeks of each school year; or

11                   (2) in a fiscal year in which the legislature has not appropriated sufficient money  
12 to implement the requirements of this section.

13           (c) A district shall annually report to the department the district's ratio of pupils to a  
14 teacher in each class if the district is required to meet the ratio set out in (a) of this section. The

1 ratio reported shall be the average of the daily ratio taken over the same period in October used  
2 to determine average daily membership under AS 14.17.160.

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

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

10 \* Sec. 3. This Act takes effect July 1, 1993.