

HOUSE BILL NO. 326

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY REPRESENTATIVE MACLEAN

Introduced: 5/13/91

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to requirements for limited teacher certificates; defining 'teacher'; and
2 providing for an effective date."

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

4 * Section 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this Act is to provide for the certification of teachers in
5 certain limited fields where baccalaureate degree training is not sufficiently available, so long as the
6 person demonstrates both subject matter expertise and teaching competency.

7 * Sec. 2. AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

8 Sec. 14.20.025. OTHER TEACHER CERTIFICATES. Notwithstanding AS 14.20.020(b),
9 a person may be issued a limited certificate, valid only in the area of expertise for which it is
10 issued, to teach Alaska Native language or culture, military science, or a vocational or technical
11 course for which the board determines by regulation that baccalaureate degree training is not
12 sufficiently available. A limited certificate may be issued under this section only if the school
13 board of the district or regional educational attendance area in which the person will be teaching,
14 through the chief school administrator, has requested its issuance. A person who applies for a

1 limited certificate shall demonstrate, as required by regulations adopted by the board, instructional
2 skills and subject matter expertise sufficient to ensure the public that the person is competent as
3 a teacher. The board may require a person issued a limited certificate to undertake academic
4 training as may be required by the board by regulation and make satisfactory progress in the
5 academic training.

6 * Sec. 3. AS 14.20.215(6) is repealed and reenacted to read:

7 (6) "teacher" means an individual who, for compensation, has primary
8 responsibility to plan, instruct, and evaluate learning of elementary or secondary school students
9 in the classroom or an equivalent setting and also includes

10 (A) an individual serving in an administrative capacity who supervises
11 teachers;

12 (B) a provider of special education and related services;

13 (C) a school counselor;

14 (D) a school nurse; and

15 (E) a school psychologist.

16 * Sec. 4. AS 14.20.025 is repealed June 30, 1997.

17 * Sec. 5. The Board of Education shall report to the legislature on or before January 15, 1996,
18 concerning the implementation of AS 14.20.025, enacted by sec. 2 of this Act. The report must include
19 the number of certificates issued under that section and other relevant information.

20 * Sec. 6. This Act takes effect July 1, 1991.