

HOUSE BILL NO. 556

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND VETERANS' AFFAIRS

Introduced: 2/26/92

Referred: Health, Education & Social Services, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to earthquake safety plans and procedures in public and private schools;
2 and providing for an effective date."

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.33 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **ARTICLE 2. EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PLAN AND PROCEDURES.**

6 **Sec. 14.33.100. REQUIRED EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY PLAN AND**
7 **PROCEDURES.** (a) The governing body of a district shall provide for and require each public
8 school in the district to establish an earthquake emergency plan and implement emergency
9 earthquake procedures. In this subsection, "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.250.

10 (b) The chief administrator of a religious or other private school shall establish an
11 earthquake emergency plan and implement earthquake emergency procedures in the school. The
12 Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs shall cooperate with private schools in providing
13 technical assistance in developing an earthquake emergency program. A religious or other private
14 school is exempt from the requirements of this subsection if the school has an average daily

1 enrollment of less than 50 students in October and February of each school year. A private
2 school exempt under this subsection is encouraged to initiate and conduct earthquake safety
3 emergency drills and to develop plans suitable to the school.

4 (c) The board, in consultation with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs,
5 shall by regulation prescribe the elements of an earthquake emergency plan and earthquake
6 emergency procedures, including building safety, student and staff safety, and a required
7 educational program.

8 * Sec. 2. AS 14.45.100 is amended to read:

9 Sec. 14.45.100. EXEMPTION. A religious or other private school that complies with
10 AS 14.45.100 - 14.45.130 is exempt from other provisions of law and regulations relating to
11 education except law and regulations relating to physical health, fire safety, earthquake
12 emergency plans and procedures, sanitation, immunization, and physical examinations.

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