

**SENATE BILL NO. 79**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR ADAMS

Introduced: 1/22/91

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

**A BILL****FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 "An Act relating to a curriculum for environmental education."

2 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**3 \* **Section 1.** AS 14.03.120(e) is amended to read:

4 (e) A district shall, by October 31 of each year, provide to the state board, and make  
5 available to the public, a report on the performance of each public school and public school  
6 students in the district. The report must be entitled "School District Report Card To The Public"  
7 and must be prepared on a form prescribed by the department. The report must include

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

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

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

14 (4) the annual percent change in enrollment and the percent of enrollment change

1 due to student transfers into and out of the district;

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

3 (6) the ways in which meaningful parent involvement in school performance was  
4 achieved;

5 (7) a summary and evaluation of the environmental education curriculum  
6 described in AS 14.30.380;

7 (8) other indicators of school performance required by the state board; and

8 (9) [(8)] other indicators of school performance selected by the district.

9 \* Sec. 2. AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 ARTICLE 4A. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

11 Sec. 14.30.380. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION. The board shall encourage each  
12 school board to initiate and conduct a program of environmental education for kindergarten  
13 through grade 12. The program should include, but is not limited to, oil spill education, marine  
14 litter control, solid waste disposal, individual and community recycling techniques, and the need  
15 to balance resource development with environmental safeguards. Each school board shall  
16 implement environmental education as a part of regular classroom studies and not as a separate  
17 academic discipline.