

SENATE BILL NO. 264

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR RODEY

Introduced: 4/24/92

Referred: HES, Judiciary, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to the ratio of students to teachers in public schools."

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:

3 * Section 1. FINDING AND INTENT. The legislature finds that placing students in a smaller class
4 has a direct and positive effect on student performance and classroom discipline. It is the intent of this
5 Act to encourage school districts to reduce the number of students in each classroom and to maintain
6 economy, efficiency, and academic achievement in each school.

7 * Sec. 2. AS 14.03.120(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) A district shall annually file with the department, and make available to the public,
9 a report that

- 10 (1) establishes district goals and priorities for improving education in the district;
11 (2) includes a plan for achieving district goals and priorities; [AND]
12 (3) includes a means of measuring the achievement of district goals and priorities;

13 **and**

14 (4) indicates the ratio of students to teachers in each grade K - 12; if the ratio

1 of students to teachers is greater than 20 to 1, the district shall include a plan for reducing
2 the ratio of students to teachers; a district plan for reducing the ratio of students to
3 teachers must identify causes for the high ratio, including any problems unique to the
4 district.

5 * Sec. 3. AS 14.03.120(e) is amended to read:

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

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

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

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

16 (4) the annual percent change in enrollment and the percent of enrollment change
17 due to student transfers into and out of the district;

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

19 (6) the ways in which meaningful parent involvement in school performance was
20 achieved;

21 (7) the effect of the ratio of students to teachers on the school's performance;

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

23 (9) [(8)] other indicators of school performance selected by the district.