

SENATE BILL NO. 430

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

SEVENTEENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR SHULTZ

Introduced: 2/18/92

Referred: Health, Education and Social Services

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to qualifications for teachers."

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

3 * Section 1. AS 14.20.020 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (h) A person is not eligible for a teacher certificate unless the person has completed three
5 semester hours in Alaska studies and three semester hours in multicultural education or cross-
6 cultural communications. However, the commissioner may issue a temporary certificate, valid
7 for no longer than two school years, to an applicant who has not completed the semester hours
8 required under this subsection at the time of application if there are insufficient applicants for that
9 type of certificate who have completed the semester hours required under this subsection.

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

11 Sec. 14.20.035. EVALUATION OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE. In evaluating an
12 applicant for a position in a district or regional educational attendance area in which significant
13 numbers of the students are from diverse cultural backgrounds, the district or attendance area
14 shall give preference to those applicants who demonstrate training or experience that establishes

- 1 that the applicant is likely to be sensitive to the traditions and culture of the cultural backgrounds
- 2 represented in the student population.