

SB

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Memorandum

Date: April 8, 2005

To: Senator Fred Dyson, Chair
Senate Health, Education & Social Services Committee

From: Senator Ben Stevens 

Re: Senate Bill 156 - Layoff/Non-retention of Teachers

Senate Bill 156 seeks to provide stability for school districts and teachers by removing the March 16 deadline for notification of non-retention for tenured teachers and aligning notification with non-tenured teachers by the end of the school term.

Attached is the bill as introduced, sponsor statement and current statute (AS 14.20.140).

I respectfully request a hearing for SB 156 in the Senate Health, Education and Social Services Committee at your earliest convenience. If I may provide further information or answer any questions, please feel free to contact my aide, Phelan Straube, or me at x4993.

Senator Ben Stevens
Senate President



Sponsor Statement

Senate Bill 156 – An Act relating to notification to teachers of layoff or non-retention

Current Alaska law requires school districts to notify tenured teachers of non-retention for the following school year by March 16 and non-tenured teachers on or before the last day of the school term.

SB 156 would amend AS 14.20.140 to align non-retention notification for tenured teachers with non-tenured teachers.

The majority of school districts do not know the total funds available to retain teachers on March 16. By providing a deadline of the end of the school term, districts will know the funds available and avoid the instability created by current statute.

This change will provide more stability for school districts and teachers alike.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Sec. 14.20.140 Notification of lay off or nonretention.

(a) If a teacher who has acquired tenure rights is to be laid off under AS 14.20.177 or is not to be retained for the following school year, the employer shall notify the teacher of the layoff or nonretention by writing, delivered before March 16, or by registered mail postmarked before March 16.

(b) If a teacher who has not acquired tenure rights is to be laid off under AS 14.20.177 or is not to be retained for the following school year the employer shall notify the teacher of the layoff or nonretention by writing delivered on or before the last day of the school term or by registered mail postmarked on or before the last day of the school term.

(c) Notwithstanding a teacher's right to continued employment under AS 39.20.500 - 39.20.550, a school district may notify a teacher of layoff or nonretention under this section for the following school year for a permissible reason.

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FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number: _____
 Bill Version: SB 156
 () Publish Date: _____

Revision Date/Time (Note if correction): _____ Dept. Affected: EED
 Title An Act relating to notification to RDU Teaching & Learning Support
teachers of layoff or nonretention Component Student & School Achievement
 Sponsor Sen. Ben Stevens
 Requester _____ Component No. 2796

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Personal Services						
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health						
Other (Specify Type--Do not abbreviate)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2005) cost: 0.0
 Mark this box (X) if funding for this bill is included in the Governor's FY 2006 budget proposal:

POSITIONS

Full-time						
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

The department has identified no costs related to this bill.

Prepared by: Barbara Thompson, Director Phone 465-8727
 Division Teaching & Learning Support Date/Time 4/18/05 8:29 AM
 Approved by: _____ Date 04/18/2005
 Agency _____

**SENATE COMMITTEE REPORT
First Committee of Referral**

DATE: 3/29/05

FURTHER: Finance

Date of 5-Day Notice: _____
(in accordance with Uniform Rule 23)

DATE TURNED
IN TO OFFICE: 4.18.05

Health, Education and Social Services Committee considered SENATE BILL NO. 156

SB 156 LAYOFF/NONRETENTION OF TEACHERS

"An Act relating to notification to teachers of layoff or nonretention."

and recommends:

- be replaced with _____ CS _____ (_____)
- adopt previous _____ CS _____ (_____)
- attached amendment(s)
- adopt Letter of Intent by _____ Committee
- further referral to _____ Committee

CS Senate Bill:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title
SCS House Bill:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Same Title
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Title Change
<input type="checkbox"/>	New Title w/ SCR # _____

NEW FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#
EED	4/18			X	

PREVIOUS FISCAL NOTE(S):

Department	Date	Fiscal	Indet.	Zero	FN#

APPROPRIATION - no fiscal note

SIGNATURES AND RECOMMENDATIONS:	DO PASS	DO NOT PASS	NO REC	AMEND
<i>Gary Belcher</i>	✓			
<i>Frank SLS</i>			✓	
<i>Lyle Green</i>	✓			
CHAIR: <i>Paul Ryan</i>	✓			