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SB 1 - "An Act requiring the state Board of Education and Early Development to provide an annual report to the legislature."

SPONSOR STATEMENT

This bill requires that the Alaska State Board of Education shall prepare and present to State Legislature not later than the 30th day of each regular session an annual report that describes the efforts of the Board to develop, maintain, and continuously improve a comprehensive quality public education system as provided for under the bylaws of the Board.

The report to the Legislature must include:

1. a summary of resolves and rationales provided in support of policy decisions;
2. program and curriculum changes made, discussed, or recommended in meetings; and
3. additional information relevant to efforts made to improve and maintain the public education system.

This bill is intended to create a greater dialogue among Alaska legislators, Department of Education and Early Development (DEED), and the Board of Education which meets at least quarterly. Since Alaska legislators appropriate over \$1 billion per year for state public education which a significant portion of the state budget, they must be at the center of the state's efforts to identify strengths and weaknesses of the current system, help determine a public agenda, set clear goals for K-12 and higher education, and hold institutions accountable for performance. The only way to achieve this is through cooperation and communication with the Board and the Department.

Legislators take great pride and tremendous amounts of time and effort every session in trying to provide the best possible education, scholarships, and funding for Alaska students. The annual report required by this bill will assist both DEED and legislators early in each session in assessing new programs, curriculum changes, goals and priorities which may require more information or administrative and legislative action during session.

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CSSB 1(EDC) - 27-LS0001\B *"An Act requiring the state Board of Education and Early Development to provide an annual report to the legislature."*

Explanation of Changes

The CS for SB 1(EDC), 27-LS0001\B added the two words "in person" on page 1, lines 6-7.

Senator Davis, sponsor, explained in testimony on CSSB 1(EDC) on April 1, 2011 that the intent of the bill was to require that the Board of Education should have a face to face verbal presentation of a formal written annual report to the legislature at the beginning of each regular session. For that reason the words "in person" were added in the Committee Substitute, version "B." She added that all board members would not need to be present. House Education Committee member Representative Seaton confirmed a similar finding by the Education Task Force that the legislature should have more interaction with the board and department.

The requirement that the annual report be in writing is not expressed in the bill but it was understood and acknowledged in testimony on CSSB 1(EDC) by Les Morse, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Education and Early Development in the House Education Committee on April 1, 2011. *Mr. Morse also commented on the zero fiscal note that in his opinion the Board and Department had adequate resources to prepare and present the annual report without need for additional funds.*

FISCAL NOTE

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Fiscal Note Number 1
 Bill Version CSSB 1(EDC)
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Identifier (file name) SB1-EED-ESS-1-28-11 Dept. Affected EED
 Title "An Act requiring the State Board of Education and Early Development..." Appropriation Education Support Services
 Allocation Executive Administration
 Sponsor Sen. Davis
 Requester Senate Education Committee OMB Component Number 2736

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	Appropriation Required	Information					
	FY 2012	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017
Personal Services							
Travel							
Services							
Commodities							
Capital Outlay							
Grants							
Miscellaneous							
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	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 (please identify)							
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2011) cost 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time							
Part-time							
Temporary							

Why this fiscal note differs from previous version (if initial version, please note as such)

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Analysis

This legislation has no fiscal impact on the Department of Education and Early Development.