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## AN ACT

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

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4 \* Section 1. AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

5       **Sec. 14.03.075. Secondary pupil competency testing.** (a) A pupil may not  
6 be issued a secondary school diploma unless the pupil passes a competency  
7 examination in the areas of reading, English, and mathematics. The department shall  
8 determine the form and contents of the examination and shall score completed  
9 examinations. A pupil who fails to pass the examination required under this  
10 subsection and who is no longer in attendance shall receive a certificate of attendance  
11 from the school district indicating the years of attendance and that the pupil has not  
12 passed a competency examination or received a diploma.

13       (b) A pupil who fails the examination required under this section may be  
14 reexamined. A reexamination may not be offered more often than once every three

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1 months and must occur within three years after the date the pupil is no longer in  
2 attendance. A pupil who passes the reexamination and who meets any other  
3 graduation requirements shall receive a diploma from the school district.

4 \* **Sec. 2. REQUIRED REPORT.** By April 15, 1998, the Department of Education shall  
5 provide a report to the legislature containing the standards used to prepare the competency  
6 examination required under sec. 1 of this Act.

7 \* **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect January 1, 2002.

8 \* **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 1997.