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3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.110 is amended to read:

4 **Sec. 14.03.110. Questionnaires and surveys administered in public schools.**

5 A school district, principal or other person in charge of a public school, or teacher in
6 a public school may not administer or permit to be administered in a school a
7 questionnaire or survey, whether anonymous or not, that inquires into personal or
8 private family affairs of the student not a matter of public record or subject to public
9 observation unless written permission is obtained from the student's parent or legal
10 guardian.

11 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.110 is amended by adding new subsections to read:

12 (b) For an anonymous questionnaire or survey, written permission required
13 under (a) of this section may be obtained annually and is valid until the
14 commencement of the subsequent school year or until the parent or legal guardian who
15 gave permission submits a written withdrawal of permission to the school principal.

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1 The school shall provide each student's parent or legal guardian at least two weeks'
2 notice before administering a questionnaire or survey described under this subsection.

3 (c) If a school administers to a student a questionnaire or survey that is not
4 anonymous, the school shall obtain the written permission required under (a) of this
5 section from the student's parent or legal guardian at least two weeks before the
6 questionnaire or survey is administered.

7 (d) The school shall give a student's parent or guardian an opportunity to
8 review the questionnaire or survey described under (b) or (c) of this section and shall
9 give the parent or guardian written notice regarding

10 (1) how the questionnaire or survey will be administered to the student;

11 (2) how the results of the survey or questionnaire will be used; and

12 (3) who will have access to the questionnaire or survey.

13 (e) A student may refuse to participate in a questionnaire or survey
14 administered in a public school. A student's parent or legal guardian may refuse to
15 allow the student to participate in a specified questionnaire or survey.

16 (f) In this section, "questionnaire or survey" means a list of questions to, or
17 information collected from, a class or group of students.