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Agenda

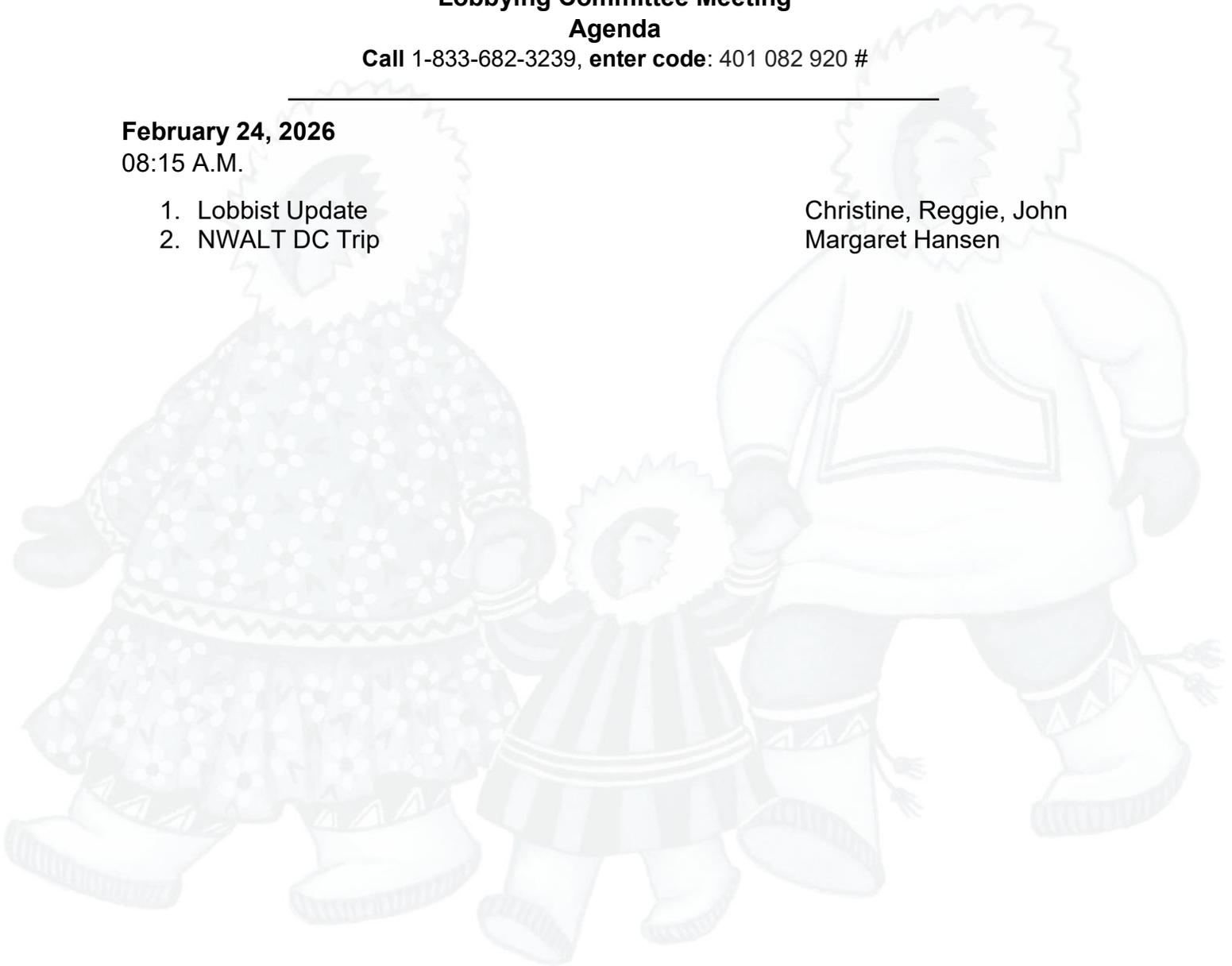
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1. Lobbist Update
2. NWALT DC Trip

Christine, Reggie, John
Margaret Hansen



Committee Members: Margaret Hansen, Marie Greene, Tillie Ticket, Lawrence Jones
Staff: Terri Walker

MISSION: To provide a learning environment that inspires and challenges students and employees to excel.
VISION: To graduate all students with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary for a successful future.

NABSD Bill Tracking Spreadsheet

February 2, 2026

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action	Latest Version
AK 34 HB 9	CARRICK	<p>An Act relating to education; relating to funding for charter schools; and relating to services for children with disabilities.</p> <p>This bill amends existing education laws in Alaska to enhance funding provisions for charter schools and improve access to medically necessary services for children with disabilities. Specifically, it introduces a new subsection to AS 14.03.260, requiring local school districts to allocate a proportional amount of any additional funding they receive beyond state aid to charter schools based on their annual program budgets. This aims to ensure that charter schools receive fair financial support relative to the funding available to the local school district.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill establishes a new section under AS 14.30, mandating that each school district create written procedures to facilitate access to medically necessary services for children with disabilities who have a medical diagnosis and a prescription from a qualified health care professional. This provision is designed to ensure that students with disabilities can receive essential health services while in a school setting, thereby promoting their overall well-being and educational success. The new provisions will apply to contracts entered into or renewed after the bill's effective date. Statutes affected: HB0009A, AM HB 9, introduced 01/10/2025: 14.03.260, 08.02.130</p>	House • Jan 22, 2025: (H) Referred to EDUCATION	HB0009A, AM HB 9, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 HB 12	DIBERT Burke Edgmon	<p>An Act relating to free breakfast and lunch in public schools.</p> <p>The bill proposes an amendment to Alaska's education law, specifically AS 14.17, by adding a new section that mandates the provision of free breakfast and lunch in public schools. Under this new provision, the state department is required to allocate sufficient funding to school districts to ensure that any student who requests a meal can receive breakfast and lunch at no cost. This initiative is contingent upon state appropriations and aims to enhance student access to nutritious meals during the school day.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill emphasizes the importance of maximizing federal financial assistance to support the funding of these meal programs. By doing so, the legislation seeks to alleviate the financial burden on families and promote better health and educational outcomes for students across the state. Statutes affected: HB0012A, AM HB 12, introduced 01/10/2025:</p>	House • Apr 28, 2025: (H) Minutes (HEDC)	HB0012A, AM HB 12, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 HB 21	STORY Galvin Himschoot	<p>An Act relating to voter preregistration for minors at least 16 years of age; and relating to confidentiality of voter registration and preregistration records of minors at least 16 years of age.</p> <p>This bill introduces provisions for voter preregistration for individuals aged 16 to 18 in Alaska. It amends AS 15.07.040 by allowing those who are at least 16 years old to preregister to vote, requiring them to provide necessary information to a registration official or agency. Instead of the previous requirement that applicants declare they will be 18 within 90 days, they must now declare they will be 18 within two years of preregistration. Additionally, 90 days before the individual turns 18, the division will send a notice to confirm their address, which must be returned within 45 days to ensure their registration.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill amends AS 15.07.195 to ensure the confidentiality of the address and telephone number of individuals under 18 who register or preregister to vote, making this information not open to public inspection. This change aims to protect the privacy of young voters while facilitating their ability to participate in the electoral process once they reach voting age. Statutes affected: HB0021A, AM HB 21, introduced 01/10/2025: 15.07.040, 15.07.060, 15.07.195HB0021B, AM CSHB 21(STA), introduced 02/21/2025: 15.07.040, 15.07.060, 15.07.195</p>	House • Apr 22, 2025: (H) Minutes (HFIN)	HB0021B, AM CSHB 21(STA), introduced 02/21/2025
AK 34 HB 28	STORY Fields Hall	<p>An Act establishing a student loan repayment pilot program; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill establishes a student loan repayment pilot program administered by the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education. This program is designed to provide grants to full-time certificated teachers in public schools and full-time state employees who have completed a postsecondary degree or certificate program and have outstanding student loans. Applicants must submit their applications by a deadline set by the commission, and grants can be awarded for up to three years, with varying amounts based on the total outstanding student loan balance. The commission is also tasked with evaluating the program's effectiveness in improving recruitment and retention rates for teachers and state employees.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill mandates that the commission submit reports on the program's impact on recruitment and retention by specific deadlines in 2026, 2027, and 2028, with a final analysis due by December 31, 2029. The program is limited to a maximum of 125 grants per fiscal year, with a total funding cap of \$1,000,000. The provisions of the bill will be repealed on January 1, 2028, and the act takes effect immediately.</p>	Senate • May 19, 2025: (S) Referred to EDUCATION	HB0028C, AM CSHB 28(FIN), am, introduced 05/18/2025, passed House 05/19/2025

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AK 34 HB 29	VANCE Underwood Costello	<p>An Act relating to group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and employees of other governmental units in the state; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends various sections of Alaska law to establish and regulate group insurance coverage and self-insurance for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and other governmental units. Key provisions include the ability for regional school boards to establish and maintain participation in insurance policies for their employees, as authorized under the new Chapter 27, which specifically addresses employee health insurance. The bill also mandates that school employers contribute to a group health and life benefits fund and outlines the reimbursement process for costs associated with self-insurance. Additionally, it allows school employers to require employees to pay a portion of these contributions.</p> <p>The bill further modifies existing laws to clarify the definitions of "school employee" and "school employer," ensuring that both municipal school districts and the University of Alaska are included. It also introduces a transition provision requiring governmental units with self-funded insurance reserves to transfer their balances to the new group health fund upon enrolling in a state-administered health care plan. The effective date for most provisions is set for July 1, 2025, while certain sections related to regulations and transition take effect immediately. Statutes affected: HB0029A, AM HB 29, introduced 01/10/2025: 14.08.101, 14.11.011, 14.11.020, 14.08.151, 18.56.855, 14.27.010, 14.14.090, 14.18.060, 47.17.020, 14.20.149, 14.20.680, 14.30.3...</p>	House • Apr 30, 2025: (H) Referred to EDUCATION	HB0029B. AM SSHB 29. introduced 04/30/2025
AK 34 HB 38	SADDLER	<p>An Act relating to supplemental employee benefits; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws regarding supplemental employee benefits for employers in the teachers' retirement system and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska. It allows employers who do not participate in the federal social security system to become participating employers in the employee benefits program. Notably, it provides that employees who are members of the teachers' retirement system can opt out of participating in this benefits program. The bill also clarifies the definition of "participating employer" to include those who are defined under specific sections of the law and do not participate in the federal social security system.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill removes previous conditions that required employers to either be eligible for membership in the federal social security system or have withdrawn from it to participate in the supplemental employee benefits program. The effective date for this legislation is set for July 1, 2025. Statutes affected: HB0038A, AM HB 38, introduced 01/17/2025: 39.30.170, 39.30.150, 39.30.180HB0038B, AM SSHB 38, introduced 03/05/2025: 39.30.170, 39.30.150, 39.30.180</p>	House • Mar 17, 2025: (H) Minutes (HL&C)	HB0038B. AM SSHB 38. introduced 03/05/2025
AK 34 HB 39	ALLARD Underwood Johnson	<p>An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing.</p> <p>The bill amends Alaska's education laws to enhance support for public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing. It mandates that school districts collaborate with the state department to provide parents of these children with comprehensive, unbiased information regarding hearing technology, communication methods, and available services. Additionally, parents are empowered to choose the communication method they believe is best for their child, and services must be delivered by professionals trained in that chosen method. School districts are also required to inform parents of their rights and the district's responsibilities under this new framework.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill establishes a requirement for the state department to support programs specifically designed for deaf students, which may include residential services in collaboration with relevant organizations. School districts that operate such programs must submit annual operational plans for approval and maintain their responsibilities for special education, including transportation for students residing within the district. This legislation aims to ensure that children who are deaf or hard of hearing receive appropriate educational resources and support tailored to their individual needs. Statutes affected: HB0039A, AM HB 39, introduced 01/17/2025: 14.30.272, 14.30.276HB0039B, AM CSHB 39(EDC), introduced 05/07/2025: 14.30.272, 14.30.276</p>	House • Feb 2, 2026: (H) VERSION: CSHB 39(EDC)	HB0039B. AM CSHB 39(EDC). introduced 05/07/2025
AK 34 HB 40	ALLARD Underwood Vance	<p>An Act relating to school athletics, recreation, athletic teams, and sports.</p> <p>The bill aims to establish regulations regarding school athletics in Alaska, emphasizing the importance of maintaining fairness in athletic opportunities for women. It includes legislative findings that highlight the necessity of separate sex-specific athletic teams to ensure equitable competition, given the biological differences between male and female athletes. The intent of the legislature is to preserve an even playing field, allowing female athletes to showcase their abilities and gain recognition, scholarships, and other benefits from participation in sports.</p> <p>To implement these goals, the bill introduces new sections to Alaska Statutes, mandating that all school-sponsored athletic teams be designated as male, female, or coeducational. It specifies that only individuals identified as female at birth can participate in female-designated teams. The bill also protects schools from adverse actions for compliance and allows students to bring private causes of action against schools for violations of these provisions. Additionally, it clarifies that the new regulations do not limit access to state or federal courts or modify rights under existing federal laws related to education and disability. Statutes affected: HB0040A, AM HB 40, introduced 01/17/2025:</p>	House • Apr 11, 2025: (H) COSPONSOR(S): COSTELLO	HB0040A. AM HB 40. introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 HB 42	ALLARD	<p>An Act relating to funding for school construction and major maintenance; relating to school bond debt reimbursement; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends various sections of Alaska's school funding laws to establish new eligibility criteria and limitations for municipalities seeking grants for school</p>	House • Jan 22, 2025: (H) Referred to EDUCATION	HB0042A. AM HB 42. introduced 01/22/2025

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		<p>construction and major maintenance projects. Specifically, it requires school districts to submit a six-year capital improvement plan by July 1 of the fiscal year prior to the funding request, detailing project scopes, budgets, and justifications. Additionally, the bill introduces restrictions on the number of projects for which municipalities can apply for bond debt reimbursement, allowing only one school construction project and a maximum of two major maintenance projects to be submitted, unless they are among the top 20 ranked projects.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill repeals a previous provision related to major maintenance for indebtedness authorized by voters and clarifies that the new eligibility criteria will apply to applications for bond debt reimbursement made after July 1, 2025. The amendments aim to streamline the funding process and ensure that municipalities prioritize their most critical school construction and maintenance needs. The effective date for these changes is set for July 1, 2025. Statutes affected: HB0042A, AM HB 42, introduced 01/17/2025: 14.11.011, 14.11.005, 14.11.007, 14.11.014, 14.11.013, 14.11.100, 14.11.102</p>		
AK 34 HB 46	VANCE Underwood	<p>An Act relating to minors; and relating to the distribution and use of electronic applications.</p> <p>The proposed bill, known as the App Store Accountability Act, aims to enhance the protection of minors in Alaska regarding the use and distribution of mobile applications. Starting January 1, 2026, app store providers will be required to verify the age of individuals downloading or purchasing apps and obtain verifiable parental consent before allowing minors to access various functionalities, including downloading apps and making in-app purchases. The bill outlines specific duties for app store providers, such as providing mechanisms for parents to control app downloads based on age ratings and ensuring that age ratings and content descriptors are clearly displayed. Additionally, developers are mandated to use the app store's programming interface to verify age categories and parental consent, and they must provide features for parents to manage their children's app usage.</p> <p>The bill also establishes enforcement mechanisms, allowing the Department of Law to impose fines for violations and enabling parents to take legal action against non-compliant app store providers or developers. An app age rating advisory committee will be formed to provide recommendations on improving transparency and consistency in app age ratings, with reports to be made publicly available. The committee will consist of various stakeholders, including parents and app developers, and will operate until December 31, 2027. Overall, the legislation seeks to create a safer digital environment for minors by ho...</p>	House • Jan 22, 2025: (H) Referred to LABOR & COMMERCE	HB0046A, AM HB 46, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 HB 47	VANCE Underwood Allard	<p>An Act relating to crime and criminal procedure; relating to generated obscene child sexual abuse material; relating to the powers of district judges and magistrates; relating to teaching certificates; and relating to licensing of school bus drivers.</p> <p>This bill amends Alaska's criminal code to address the distribution and possession of generated obscene child sexual abuse material, introducing new offenses and establishing penalties that vary based on prior convictions. Specifically, it defines "distribution of generated obscene child sexual abuse material" as a class B or class A felony, while "possession of generated obscene child sexual abuse material" is categorized as a class C felony. The bill also stipulates that possessing 100 or more items related to such material serves as prima facie evidence of intent to distribute. Additionally, it modifies existing laws on harassment and child sexual abuse material, enhancing protections for individuals reporting crimes and updating the legal framework for property forfeiture related to these offenses.</p> <p>Moreover, the bill revises sentencing guidelines for various sexual offenses, particularly those involving child sexual abuse material, establishing new categories based on the number of felony convictions. For example, a first felony conviction may result in a sentence of two to 15 years, while a third felony conviction could lead to a sentence of 20 to 35 years, or up to 99 years for defendants with prior sexual felony convictions. The bill also amends definitions related to the revocation of professional licenses for individuals convicted of crimes involving minors and clarifies the imposition of consecutive terms for multiple offenses. Overall, the legislation aims to stre...</p>	House • Feb 2, 2026: (H) COSPONSOR(S): ST. CLAIR	HB0047C, AM CSHB 47(JUD), introduced 02/02/2026
AK 34 HB 59	HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	<p>An Act relating to demonstration state-tribal education compacts; relating to demonstration state-tribal education compact schools; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill establishes a framework for demonstration state-tribal education compacts in Alaska, allowing the commissioner of education and early development to enter into agreements with participating tribes. The compacts will have a five-year term and must include provisions related to roles and responsibilities, legal compliance, recordkeeping, and dispute resolution, among others. The bill also outlines the operation of demonstration state-tribal education compact schools, which will be exempt from most state statutes and regulations applicable to school districts, while still adhering to certain educational standards and requirements.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill mandates that participating tribes report student and school performance data to the Department of Education and Early Development, which will compile this information for legislative review. The legislation allows for state funding to be appropriated to these compact schools as if they were regional educational attendance areas and establishes that these schools will be treated as local educational agencies for federal aid purposes. The provisions of the bill will be repealed on July 1, 2036, and the act takes effect immediately. Statutes affected: HB0059A, AM HB 59, introduced 01/22/2025: 14.03.016, 14.03.050, 14.03.072, 14.03.083, 14.03.090, 14.03.127, 14.03.135, 14.03.140, 14.09.010, 14.09.030, 14.14.050, 14.14.110, 14.33.010, 14.33.250, 14.17.500, 14.17.910, 14.14.105, 14.14.107, 14.20.010, 14.20.040, 14.20.095, ...</p>	House • May 7, 2025: (H) Minutes (HEDC)	HB0059B, AM CSHB 59(TRB), introduced 05/02/2025
AK 34 HB 63	HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE	<p>An Act relating to regional educational attendance area elections; relating to terms for members of regional school boards; relating to voter residence; relating to voter registration; relating to the inclusion of voter registration forms in permanent fund dividend applications; relating to election administration; relating to ballot counting; relating to absentee voting; relating to early voting; relating to voting by mail; relating to publication of election pamphlets; and relating to confidential information in voter registration records.</p>	House • Feb 11, 2025: (H) Minutes (HSTA)	HB0063A, AM HB 63, introduced 01/22/2025

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	GOVERNOR	<p>The bill amends Alaska's election laws, particularly regarding regional educational attendance area elections and the terms for regional school board members. It establishes staggered four-year terms for board members, replacing the previous three-year terms, and allows for biennial elections in odd-numbered years instead of annual elections. Additionally, the bill introduces provisions for adjusting the number of board members through ballot questions during regular elections. It also updates voter registration processes by permitting electronic registration and including voter registration forms in permanent fund dividend applications, while modifying rules for determining voter residence and maintaining the voter registration list.</p> <p>Moreover, the bill allows mail-in elections for communities with populations of 750 or less and mandates that election pamphlets be prepared regionally by the lieutenant governor. It clarifies that information from permanent fund dividend applications, excluding names, is confidential and can only be disclosed under specific conditions. The bill also repeals several existing provisions related to election processes and confidentiality, streamlining the legal framework. A transition clause ensures that current regional school board members' terms remain unaffected, ultimately aiming to enhance the efficiency and clarity of election procedures while protecting individuals' financial privacy.Statutes affected: HB0063A, AM HB 63, introduced 01/22/...</p>		
AK 34 HB 76	HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	<p>An Act relating to education; relating to public school attendance; relating to mobile communication devices in schools; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to authorization of charter schools; relating to transportation of students; relating to school bond debt reimbursement; relating to funding and reporting by Alaska technical and vocational education programs; authorizing lump sum payments for certain teachers as retention and recruitment incentives; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill introduces significant amendments to Alaska's education laws, focusing on various aspects such as public school attendance, mobile communication device policies, reading proficiency grants, charter school applications, student transportation funding, and school bond debt reimbursement. It clarifies that school-age children can attend public schools in their resident district without tuition and allows applications to schools outside their district under specific conditions. Additionally, it mandates school districts to create policies restricting the use of personal mobile devices during school hours, with exceptions for emergencies and educational purposes. A new reading proficiency incentive grant program is established, providing \$450 for each qualifying student in grades K-6, while the funding structure for student transportation services is modified, and the timeline for bond debt reimbursement applications is extended to 2030.</p> <p>Moreover, the bill enhances teacher retention and recruitment by introducing financial incentives for full-time teachers, offering \$5,000 for those who complete a full school term, with additional payments of \$10,000 or \$15,000 for teachers in specific districts based on their location. The Department of Education and Early Development will administer these payments, which are classified as compensation under existing law. The bill also requires the education committees to prepare a report with recommendations for public school funding c...</p>	House • Apr 11, 2025: (H) Minutes (HEDC)	HB0076A, AM HB 76, introduced 01/31/2025
AK 34 HB 90	EISCHEID	<p>An Act establishing a financial literacy education program for public schools; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill establishes a financial literacy education program for public school students in grades nine through twelve in Alaska. Each school district is required to implement this program, which must be approved by the state department. The department will provide a curated list of open educational resources covering various financial topics, including budgeting, money management, credit, loans, insurance, taxes, and the financial implications of Native corporation membership. To graduate, students must complete this financial literacy program, which is equivalent to a half-credit course. However, exceptions are made for students who transfer into the district after completing grade 10.</p> <p>The bill also specifies that it will apply to students graduating on or after January 1, 2027, and it will take effect on July 1, 2026. The definitions of "open educational resource" and "school district" are included to clarify the terms used in the legislation. Overall, the bill aims to enhance financial literacy among high school students, preparing them for real-world financial responsibilities.Statutes affected: HB0090A, AM HB 90, introduced 02/10/2025: 14.30.350</p>	House • May 15, 2025: (H) Minutes (HFIN)	HB0090A, AM HB 90, introduced 02/10/2025
AK 34 HB 92	EISCHEID Gray Galvin	<p>An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing law to enhance health education in Alaska's public schools by specifically incorporating cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) education. It encourages each school district to implement a health education program for students from kindergarten through grade 12, which now explicitly includes instruction on hands-only CPR. The previous requirement for CPR instruction has been deleted, and a new section has been added to mandate that the Department of Education and Early Development adopt appropriate curricula for teaching CPR, determining the grade levels that will receive this instruction.</p> <p>The bill outlines that qualified individuals, such as certified CPR instructors or licensed emergency medical service providers, may present the curriculum. The instruction must adhere to current national guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care and include both hands-on practice and cognitive learning components. Additionally, it mandates instruction on the use of automated external defibrillators, which can be taught through various means if in-person training is not feasible. The act is set to take effect on August 25, 2025.Statutes affected: HB0092A, AM HB 92, introduced 02/10/2025: 14.30.360</p>	House • Apr 11, 2025: (H) PRIME SPONSOR CHANGED: EISCHEID REPLACED GRAY	HB0092A, AM HB 92, introduced 02/10/2025
AK 34 HB 98	FIELDS	<p>An Act relating to a maximum pupil-teacher ratio in public schools; relating to the duties of school districts and governing bodies of school districts; and providing for an effective date.</p>	House • Mar 28, 2025: (H) Minutes	HB0098A, AM HB 98,

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		<p>This bill establishes a maximum pupil-teacher ratio in public schools in Alaska, specifying that the ratio cannot exceed 24 to 1 for grades K-3, 26 to 1 for grades 4-8, and 28 to 1 for grades 9-12, with certain exceptions. These exceptions include situations where the school district's governing body determines that insufficient funding from the legislature prevents compliance, if adherence to the ratios would hinder educational effectiveness, or if the district has an average daily membership of 40,000 or fewer students. Additionally, the bill mandates that districts must publicly report the average number of students per classroom by February 1 each year.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill includes a transition provision allowing for higher pupil-teacher ratios until July 1, 2028, if the number of pupils in a classroom has decreased by two or more compared to the previous school year. The bill also requires districts to report their pupil-teacher ratios to the state department annually, calculated based on data collected in October. The effective date for this legislation is set for July 1, 2025. Statutes affected: HB0098A, AM HB 98, introduced 02/12/2025: 14.17.990, 14.20.020, 14.03.120, 14.17.600</p>	(HEDC)	introduced 02/12/2025
AK 34 HB 105	GALVIN Himschoot Foster	<p>An Act relating to mental health education.</p> <p>The bill aims to enhance mental health education in Alaska's public school system by mandating the development of guidelines for mental health instruction. It emphasizes the importance of collaboration between the Board of Education and Early Development, the Department of Health, the Department of Family and Community Services, regional tribal health organizations, and representatives from national and state mental health organizations. The bill also includes provisions for parental involvement, requiring local school boards to notify parents at least two weeks prior to any class or program that provides mental health instruction.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill amends existing laws to incorporate mental health into health education programs for students from kindergarten through grade 12. It replaces the term "physical health" with "mental health, physical health" in the curriculum requirements and establishes guidelines for developmentally appropriate mental health instruction. The state Board of Education and Early Development is tasked with submitting a report to the legislature two years after the bill's enactment, detailing the guidelines developed and the process used to create them. Statutes affected: HB0105A, AM HB 105, introduced 02/14/2025: 14.03.016, 14.30.020, 14.30.360</p>	House • May 20, 2025: (H) COSPONSOR(S): DIBERT	HB0105A, AM HB 105, introduced 02/14/2025
AK 34 HB 112	BYNUM	<p>An Act making a special appropriation to the Department of Education and Early Development for public education that appropriates the same base student allocation equivalent funding appropriated for fiscal year 2025; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill proposes a special appropriation to the Department of Education and Early Development, ensuring that the base student allocation for public education remains consistent with the funding level established for fiscal year 2025. Specifically, it allocates \$6,640 per student, as determined by the public school funding formula, to support state aid for public schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026. The funds will be distributed as grants to school districts based on their average daily membership, adjusted according to specified criteria.</p> <p>The bill also stipulates that the appropriation will take effect on July 1, 2025, aligning the funding with the start of the fiscal year. This legislative action aims to maintain stable funding for public education in Alaska, ensuring that school districts can adequately support their students and educational programs.</p>	House • Feb 21, 2025: (H) Referred to FINANCE	HB0112A, AM HB 112, introduced 02/21/2025
AK 34 HB 122	PRAX	<p>An Act relating to education; relating to local contributions of a city or borough school district; relating to school funding; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends various sections of Alaska's education law to enhance the funding mechanisms for local school districts, with a particular focus on charter schools and local contributions. It mandates that local school boards provide charter schools with an annual program budget based on the number of enrolled students, while excluding certain administrative costs. The bill eliminates the previous requirement for a "required local contribution" and allows borough assemblies and city councils to determine local contributions for school district operations based on a percentage of the district's basic need. Additionally, it introduces new provisions for calculating public school funding, including adjustments for special needs and vocational education, and establishes a local contribution cap based on either a two-mill tax levy or a percentage of the district's basic need.</p> <p>Moreover, the bill modifies the criteria for calculating adjusted Average Daily Membership (ADM) and repeals certain sections to streamline the funding process. It removes the requirement for the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development to determine the required local contribution, instead clarifying the calculations for district adjusted ADM. The bill also updates the criteria for school districts to implement layoff plans in response to changes in school attendance and basic needs. These amendments are set to take effect on July 1, 2025, aiming to create a more equitable and responsive ...</p>	House • Feb 28, 2025: (H) Referred to EDUCATION	HB0122A, AM HB 122, introduced 02/28/2025
AK 34 HB 152	GALVIN Mina Himschoot	<p>An Act establishing an education tax on the income of individuals, partners, shareholders in S corporations, trusts, and estates; repealing tax credits applied against the tax on individuals under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The proposed bill introduces a new education tax in Alaska, imposing a four percent tax on taxable income exceeding \$150,000 for individuals filing separately and \$300,000 for those filing jointly. It also establishes an annual tax of \$150 for individuals with wages or net earnings from self-employment in the state. The bill outlines tax calculations for nonresident individuals and includes specific provisions for trusts and estates, with exemptions for certain types of trusts. Additionally, it repeals existing tax credits under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act and provides credits against the new education tax for taxes imposed by other jurisdictions to prevent double taxation.</p>	House • May 1, 2025: (H) Heard & Held	HB0152A, AM HB 152, introduced 03/24/2025

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		The legislation amends current tax laws to clarify the taxation of income from various sources, including real property sales, rental income, and personal services performed in the state. It mandates employers to withhold taxes from employee wages and outlines regulations for partnerships regarding nonresident partners' tax withholding. The bill also allows for the adoption of regulations for partnerships to file composite returns and enables individuals eligible for a permanent fund dividend to have part of their dividend withheld for tax liabilities. Furthermore, it incorporates sections of the Internal Revenue Code into state law and establishes an early education fund, with certain existing laws repealed effective January 1, 2026, and new provisions applying to income received on or after that date....		
AK 34 HB 166	RAUSCHER Costello	<p>An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to public education; and relating to opioid abuse awareness and prevention.</p> <p>This bill mandates the Department of Education and Early Development to create an opioid abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for students in grades six through twelve. The curriculum will include at least 60 minutes of annual instruction covering the dangers of opioid use, particularly those that may contain fentanyl, awareness of opioids targeting children, the science behind opioid use, prevention strategies, and early warning signs of addiction. The department is required to consult with the Department of Health, relevant state and tribal entities, and families affected by opioid overdoses during the curriculum development process.</p> <p>Additionally, each school district is required to implement this curriculum for students in grades six through twelve, ideally during the last week of October. The bill defines key terms related to the curriculum, including "curriculum," "drugs," "opioid," "opioid abuse," and "opioid addiction," ensuring clarity in the legislation's intent and scope. Statutes affected: HB0166A, AM HB 166, introduced 04/02/2025:</p>	House • Apr 11, 2025: (H) COSPONSOR(S): COSTELLO	HB0166A, AM HB 166, introduced 04/02/2025
AK 34 HB 168	JOHNSON	<p>An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill establishes new requirements for civics education and assessments in Alaska's secondary schools. It mandates the development of a statewide comparative government and civics education curriculum, which must include instruction on various topics such as the founding history of the United States, the roles of government institutions, civil rights, and international relations. Additionally, students must complete a civics assessment based on the naturalization examination and a project-based assessment to qualify for a secondary school diploma. The bill also allows for certain exceptions, such as for students who transfer into a state public school after completing grade 10 or those who have completed a high school state history course in another state.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill specifies that the new graduation requirements will apply to students entering grade nine on or after July 1, 2026, and it includes provisions for documenting students' passing scores on their transcripts. The Department of Education is tasked with adopting regulations to recognize students who demonstrate a high level of civic proficiency. The effective date for these changes is set for July 1, 2026. Statutes affected: HB0168A, AM HB 168, introduced 04/02/2025:</p>	House • Apr 2, 2025: (H) Referred to EDUCATION	HB0168A, AM HB 168, introduced 04/02/2025
AK 34 HB 174	BURKE Himschoot Story	<p>An Act relating to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund; relating to Mt. Edgecumbe High School; and relating to teacher housing.</p> <p>The bill amends existing laws related to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund, specifically addressing funding for school districts, Mt. Edgecumbe High School, and teacher housing. It allows the department to make disbursements from the fund to provide grant funding to eligible school districts, fund construction and major maintenance projects at Mt. Edgecumbe High School, and support major maintenance projects for teacher housing owned by the state or school districts.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill modifies the description of the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district school fund to include funding for projects at Mt. Edgecumbe High School and for teacher housing maintenance. It also removes the previous cap on the unobligated and unexpended cash balance of the fund, which was set at \$70 million. These changes aim to enhance educational infrastructure and support for teachers in the specified areas. Statutes affected: HB0174A, AM HB 174, introduced 04/07/2025: 14.11.025, 14.11.030 HB0174Z, AM Enrolled HB 174, introduced 05/20/2025: 14.11.025, 14.11.030</p>	House • Jul 30, 2025: (H) VETOED BY GOVERNOR 6/24/25	HB0174Z, AM Enrolled HB 174, introduced 05/20/2025
AK 34 HB 183	STORY Himschoot Dibert	<p>An Act relating to district-wide early education programs; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws related to district-wide early education programs in Alaska. Specifically, it modifies AS 14.17.500(d) to state that a student in an approved early education program is counted as a full-time equivalent student, with the previous designation of being counted as "one-half of" a full-time equivalent student being deleted. Additionally, the bill repeals several sections of law, including AS 14.17.500(f), which is no longer necessary under the new framework.</p> <p>The bill also includes a provision for its effective date, which is set for July 1, 2025. This change aims to streamline the counting of students in early education programs and potentially enhance funding and resources for these programs by recognizing them as full-time equivalent students. Statutes affected: HB0183A, AM HB 183, introduced 04/11/2025: 14.17.500, 14.07.020</p>	House • May 5, 2025: (H) COSPONSOR(S): DIBERT	HB0183A, AM HB 183, introduced 04/11/2025
AK 34 HB 186	CARRICK	<p>An Act relating to the use of apprentice labor in public construction projects; and relating to a report on the use of apprentice labor in public construction projects.</p>	House • May 14, 2025: (H) Bill	HB0186B, AM CSHB

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		<p>This bill amends Alaska's existing law to establish requirements for the use of apprentice labor in public construction projects with a contract award amount of \$5,000,000 or more. It mandates that each construction contract advertised by the Department of Transportation and Public Facilities or the Department of Administration must specify that a certain percentage of labor hours be performed by apprentices in various skilled occupations, including boilermakers, electricians, plumbers, and welders, among others. Additionally, the bill outlines the information that must be reported to the commissioner of labor and workforce development regarding each project, including the project's name, dollar value, and the percentage of labor hours performed by apprentices.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill requires the commissioner of labor and workforce development to compile data on the total apprentice hours worked on each project and submit a report to the legislature detailing the percentage of apprentice labor hours used in the specified occupations for fiscal years ending June 30 from 2026 to 2030. This report must be delivered to the legislature by September 1, 2030. The bill also includes a provision that exempts projects from these requirements if compliance would result in the loss of federal funding. Statutes affected: HB0186A, AM HB 186, introduced 04/11/2025: 36.05.070HB0186B, AM CSHB 186(TRA), introduced 05/05/2025: 36.05.070</p>	<p>Hearing Canceled -- Delayed to 15 min Following Session --</p>	<p>186(TRA), introduced 05/05/2025</p>
<p>AK 34 HB 204</p>	<p>HOUSE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR</p>	<p>An Act relating to education; relating to open enrollment in public schools; relating to charter schools; relating to correspondence study programs; relating to the base student allocation; relating to the provision of special education and related services; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to wireless telecommunication devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends various sections of Alaska's education laws to enhance open enrollment policies, charter school operations, and the provision of special education services. Key changes include allowing children of school age to attend public schools without tuition in their resident district and, upon application, in schools outside their district, subject to capacity and district policies. Additionally, the bill mandates that school districts publish information about enrollment policies and data on their websites, and it establishes a new reading proficiency incentive grant for students in grades K-6 who meet specific reading performance criteria.</p> <p>The bill also revises the charter school application process, allowing applications to be submitted at any time during the school year and streamlining the appeal process for denied applications. It introduces new requirements for charter school contracts, including provisions for renewal and termination, and ensures that charter schools receive a fair budget allocation based on student enrollment. Furthermore, it establishes a policy for the use of wireless telecommunications devices in schools, requiring districts to adopt regulations governing their possession and use. The bill is set to take effect on July 1, 2025. Statutes affected: HB0204A, AM HB 204, introduced 04/22/2025: 14.03.080, 14.14.110, 14.14.120, 14.03.120, 14.30.420, 14.03.123, 14.03.250, 14.03.255, 14.03.253, 14.03.256, 14.03.290, 14.03.260, 14.17.410, 14.17.422..</p>	<p>House • Apr 22, 2025: (H) Referred to FINANCE</p>	<p>HB0204A, AM HB 204, introduced 04/22/2025</p>
<p>AK 34 HB 212</p>	<p>STORY Hannan Himschoot</p>	<p>An Act relating to the local contribution made by a city or borough school district; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends Alaska's education law regarding the local contributions made by city or borough school districts. It introduces a new section, AS 14.17.530, which mandates that local school boards define specific terms related to various educational services and programs, including "student transportation," "nutrition services," and "career and technical education." This clarification aims to standardize the understanding of these terms for the purpose of calculating local contributions.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill modifies the definition of "local contribution" in AS 14.17.990(6). It specifies that local contributions include appropriations and the value of in-kind services made by a district, but explicitly excludes contributions related to student transportation, nutrition services, food services, early education programs, career and technical education, and various school programs and activities. The bill is set to take effect immediately upon passage. Statutes affected: HB0212A, AM HB 212, introduced 04/30/2025: 14.17.990</p>	<p>House • May 7, 2025: (H) Minutes (HEDC)</p>	<p>HB0212A, AM HB 212, introduced 04/30/2025</p>
<p>AK 34 HB 219</p>	<p>COSTELLO Schwanke</p>	<p>An Act relating to a tax credit for career and technical education; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>HB219 provides tax credits for contributions to career technical education training, including facilities maintenance. Challenges associated with the legislation advancing include loss of revenues to the state treasury, minority sponsorship (no majority co-sponsorship) and the fact that current education tax credit programs are not being used to the extent they could be suggesting diminished interest. Nevertheless, the district may want to consider meeting with the sponsor to explore the potential benefits for the AK Technicial Center operations.</p> <p>The proposed bill, titled the "Power Alaska's Workforce Tax Credit Act," aims to establish a tax credit to promote private investment in career and technical education (CTE) within the state of Alaska. The legislative intent is to enhance the state's workforce by encouraging the construction and maintenance of CTE facilities, infrastructure, and housing for students, thereby expanding educational opportunities more efficiently than relying solely on public funding.</p> <p>The bill introduces a new section to the Alaska Statutes (AS 43.20.019) that allows taxpayers to claim a credit against their taxes for qualifying expenditures related to CTE, which includes costs for constructing labs, maintaining infrastructure, hiring staff, developing curriculum, and providing student housing. The credit cannot reduce a taxpayer's liability below zero and can be sold or transferred at a reduced rate. Additionally, taxpayers claiming this credit cannot also claim an income tax education credit for the same expenditures. The act will apply to corporations subject to tax under AS 43.20 for tax years beginning after its effective date, which is immediate upon enactment. Statutes affected: HB0219A, AM HB 219, introduced 05/07/2025: 43.20.014</p>	<p>House • May 7, 2025: (H) Referred to LABOR & COMMERCE</p>	<p>HB0219A, AM HB 219, introduced 05/07/2025</p>

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AK 34 HB 232	GRAY	<p>An Act relating to the examination and treatment of minors; relating to consent for behavioral and mental health treatment for minors 16 years of age or older; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws regarding the consent for medical, behavioral, and mental health treatment for minors aged 16 years and older in Alaska. It allows unaccompanied homeless minors or those living independently from their parents to provide consent for such services, provided they have the necessary documentation. Additionally, the bill introduces a new section that permits minors aged 16 and older to consent to outpatient behavioral and mental health services for up to five appointments without parental consent, although medication cannot be prescribed without it. If obtaining parental consent is deemed detrimental to the minor's well-being, the mental health provider can continue services without it, provided certain conditions are met.</p> <p>The bill also clarifies the responsibilities and rights of parents or guardians regarding their minor children's treatment, specifically stating that they are relieved of financial obligations for services provided under this new framework. Furthermore, it emphasizes that mental health providers must document their attempts to obtain parental consent and outlines the circumstances under which they can withhold information from parents about the services provided to the minor. The act is set to take effect on January 1, 2026. Statutes affected: HB0232A, AM HB 232, introduced 05/19/2025: 25.20.025, 18.16.010, 14.30.174, 47.30.915, 47.10.084, 25.20.028, 47.12.150</p>	House • Jan 22, 2026: (H) -- Testimony Invitation Only --	HB0232A, AM HB 232, introduced 05/19/2025
AK 34 HB 238	GRAY Dibert	<p>An Act relating to the statewide immunization program; and relating to medical assistance for immunizations for children and adolescents 18 years of age or younger.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws related to the statewide immunization program and medical assistance for immunizations for children and adolescents aged 18 years or younger in Alaska. It updates the definition of "included vaccine" to specify that it includes vaccines recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices as well as those recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics for the specified age group. This change aims to ensure that the immunization program is aligned with the latest recommendations for children's health.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill expands the list of optional services that the Department of Health may offer under medical assistance to include immunizations recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics specifically for children and adolescents aged 18 years or younger. This inclusion emphasizes the importance of providing comprehensive immunization services to this demographic, thereby enhancing public health efforts in the state. Statutes affected: HB0238A, AM HB 238, introduced 01/09/2026: 18.09.990, 47.07.030</p>	House • Jan 20, 2026: (H) Referred to HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	HB0238A, AM HB 238, introduced 01/09/2026
AK 34 HB 261	STORY	<p>An Act relating to education funding; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends various sections of Alaska's education funding laws, focusing on the allocation of funds for school construction projects and the calculation of Average Daily Membership (ADM). It specifies that a student in an early education program will not be counted in a district's ADM unless the program is approved by the department, changing the reference from AS 14.17.500 to AS 14.17.600. The bill also outlines maximum funding amounts for school construction projects based on public school enrollment figures from fiscal years 2000 and 2005, replacing the now-deleted AS 14.17.500 with "former AS 14.17.500." Additionally, it introduces provisions for the operation of state boarding schools, ensuring they follow the same regulations as school districts, and modifies the public school funding program to clarify state aid calculations.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill introduces new criteria for determining a district's student count, allowing the greater of the previous three-year average ADM or the ADM from the previous fiscal year to be used. It requires districts to provide evidence of school capacity before reopening consolidated schools and outlines reporting requirements for student counts, including special education students receiving intensive services. The bill also repeals certain existing provisions related to ADM calculations and establishes a transition period for fiscal years ending June 30, 2027, 2028, and 2029, enabling districts to use previous data if current stu...</p> <p>teleconferenced, previously heard • House EDUCATION</p> <p>Feb 06, 2026 09:00am</p> <p>DAVIS 106</p>	House • Feb 6, 2026: (H) -- Public Testimony -- -- Please Note Time Change --	HB0261A, AM HB 261, introduced 01/20/2026
AK 34 HB 279	SCHWANKE	<p>An Act relating to the power of the commissioner of health to require certain immunizations; relating to immunizations required to participate in youth athletics; relating to immunizations required by the University of Alaska; relating to the provision of vaccine information to the parents of minor patients; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws regarding immunizations in the state of Alaska, specifically focusing on the authority of the commissioner of health, requirements for youth participation in athletics, and the University of Alaska's immunization policies. It stipulates that the governing body of a school district can only require immunizations for children attending school if the vaccines have received full approval from the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Additionally, associations managing interscholastic activities and the University of Alaska are also restricted to requiring only FDA-approved vaccines for participation and enrollment, respectively.</p>	House • Jan 23, 2026: (H) Referred to HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES	HB0279A, AM HB 279, introduced 01/23/2026

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		Furthermore, the bill mandates that healthcare providers must provide parents or legal guardians of children under 18 with information regarding the risks and benefits of vaccines before administration. This includes a statement from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or, in cases of public health emergencies, a fact sheet on the vaccine's emergency use authorization from the FDA. The bill is set to take effect on July 1, 2026. Statutes affected: HB0279A, AM HB 279, introduced 01/23/2026: 14.30.125, 14.30.365		
AK 34 HJR 6	HOUSE LABOR & COMMERCE	<p>Urging the United States Congress to safeguard the Universal Service Fund to ensure continued funding for essential programs that support critical broadband and telecommunication infrastructure and services for low-income rural residents of the state.</p> <p>The resolution urges the United States Congress to protect the Universal Service Fund (USF) to ensure ongoing financial support for essential broadband and telecommunication services for low-income rural residents in Alaska. It highlights the critical role the USF plays in funding programs that provide internet and telephone services necessary for healthcare, education, and consumer services in rural areas. The resolution emphasizes that without this funding, many rural hospitals, schools, and libraries would face significant losses, leading to a detrimental impact on connectivity and access to vital services for over 108,000 students and thousands of residents.</p> <p>Furthermore, the resolution calls for the Alaska Congressional delegation to take action to safeguard the USF, including potential legislative measures to address any legal challenges that may threaten its funding. It encourages bipartisan cooperation to ensure the sustainability of USF programs, which are essential for bridging the connectivity gap faced by rural Alaskan communities. The resolution concludes by directing copies to key federal officials, including the President and members of Alaska's congressional delegation, to emphasize the importance of this issue.</p>	Senate • Mar 18, 2025: (S) Referred to LABOR & COMMERCE	HJR006B, AM HJR 6 am, introduced 03/17/2025, passed House 03/17/2025
AK 34 HJR 25	MINA Gray Tobin	<p>Supporting and encouraging the continued recruitment and retention of international educators on J-1 and H-1B visas in the state.</p> <p>Companion resolution to SJR21.</p> <p>The Alaska State Legislature has passed a resolution supporting the recruitment and retention of international educators on J-1 and H-1B visas, recognizing their essential role in providing high-quality education to students across the state. The resolution highlights the persistent shortages of qualified educators, particularly in rural and remote communities, and emphasizes the importance of these visa programs in addressing staffing gaps in critical subject areas such as math, science, and special education. It cites successful examples from various school districts that have utilized international educators to maintain educational continuity and enhance the learning experience for students.</p> <p>Furthermore, the resolution calls on school districts, higher education institutions, and policymakers at both state and federal levels to advocate for policies that support the needs of international educators, including adjustments to visa statuses, increased job mobility, and greater security for these educators. The Legislature reaffirms its commitment to fostering an inclusive educational environment and urges Congress to take action to protect the legal status of international educators, whose contributions are vital to the success of Alaska's diverse education system.</p>	House • Jul 30, 2025: (H) PERMANENTLY FILED 7/16 LEGIS RESOLVE 16	HJR025Z, AM Enrolled HJR 25, introduced 05/19/2025
AK 34 HJR 26	FLAM Burke Dibert	<p>Requesting that the United States Congress appropriate authorized federal workforce development funds to train state residents for the development, construction, and operation of the Alaska liquefied natural gas project; and encouraging the hiring of residents and the use of state-based small businesses in the development, construction, and operation of the Alaska liquefied natural gas project.</p> <p>Alaska is woefully unprepared for a massive gas pipeline project with regards to workforce readiness and workforce training. HJR26 attempts to bring additional attention to the matter and I would expect the House to take up the resolution early in the session. Representative Burke is a co-sponsor.</p> <p>The resolution calls on the United States Congress to allocate the \$20 million in federal workforce development funds authorized under the Alaska Natural Gas Pipeline Act. This funding is intended to train state residents, including Alaska Natives and individuals from rural areas, for jobs related to the development, construction, and operation of the Alaska liquefied natural gas project. The resolution emphasizes the importance of this project for both the energy security and economic growth of Alaska and the United States, while also highlighting the existing infrastructure of training centers in the state that require federal support to implement large-scale training programs.</p> <p>Additionally, the resolution encourages sponsors and contractors involved in the Alaska liquefied natural gas project to prioritize hiring trained local residents and engaging state-based small businesses. This approach aims to ensure that the economic benefits of the project remain within the state, fostering long-term growth and stability. The resolution will be sent to various federal and state officials, including the President, members of Congress, and the Governor of Alaska, to advocate for the necessary support and funding.</p>	House • May 17, 2025: (H) COSPONSOR(S): HOLLAND	HJR026B, AM CSHJR 26(RES), introduced 05/16/2025
AK 34 SB 3	HUGHES	An Act requiring school districts to grant qualified persons an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds under certain conditions; relating to standards, training, and continuing education in firearms training for qualified persons granted an assigned duty to carry a concealed handgun on school grounds; relating to communication of school districts with state and local law enforcement; and relating to school crisis response plans.	Senate • Jan 22, 2025: (S) Referred to EDUCATION	SB0003A, AM SB 3, introduced 01/22/2025

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		<p>The proposed bill, known as the Safe Schools Act, mandates that school districts in Alaska grant qualified individuals the authority to carry concealed handguns on school grounds under specific conditions. It establishes requirements for training, standards, and continuing education for these individuals, referred to as "qualified persons." The bill outlines that school districts must adopt written policies detailing the criteria for granting this assigned duty, which includes meeting physical and mental standards comparable to those for police officers. Additionally, the bill requires school districts to cover training costs for both employees and volunteers who are granted this duty.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill emphasizes the importance of communication between school districts and law enforcement, mandating that districts provide annual updates on their active shooter plans and other relevant information to local and state agencies. It also includes provisions for liability immunity for school officials and qualified persons during crises, while ensuring that certain sensitive information in crisis response plans, such as floor plans and the identity of qualified persons, is not made public. The bill aims to enhance school safety by allowing trained individuals to respond effectively during emergencies. Statutes affected: SB0003A, AM SB 3, introduced 01/10/2025: 11.61.210, 14.03.170, 18.65.240, 18.65.700, 18.65.790, 11.71.900, 14.33.100</p>		
AK 34 SB 5	MYERS Hughes	<p>An Act relating to group insurance coverage and self-insurance coverage for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and employees of other governmental units in the state; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends various sections of Alaska law to establish and enhance group insurance coverage and self-insurance options for school district employees, employees of the University of Alaska, and other governmental units. Key provisions include the ability for regional school boards to establish and maintain participation in insurance policies, as authorized under AS 14.27.010, and the requirement for school boards to include the costs of such insurance in their compensation determinations for employees. Additionally, the bill allows the commissioner of administration to expend funds from the public education fund to cover claims for district employees under self-insurance policies, with a reimbursement plan in place over ten years.</p> <p>The bill also introduces a new chapter specifically addressing health insurance for university and school district employees, detailing the contributions required from participating employers and the reimbursement obligations for excess loss insurance. It clarifies definitions related to governmental units and school districts, and mandates the transfer of self-funded insurance reserves to the group health and life benefits fund upon enrollment in state-administered health care plans. The act is set to take effect on July 1, 2026, with certain provisions becoming effective immediately. Statutes affected: SB0005A, AM SB 5, introduced 01/10/2025: 14.08.101, 14.11.011, 14.11.020, 14.08.151, 18.56.855, 14.27.010, 14.14.090, 14.18.060, 47.17.020, 1...</p>	Senate • Jan 28, 2026: (S) PRIME SPONSOR CHANGED - MYERS REPLACED HUGHES	SB0005A, AM SB 5, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 SB 8	GRAY-JACKSON	<p>An Act relating to public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing.</p> <p>The bill amends Alaska's education law to enhance support for public school students who are deaf or hard of hearing. It mandates that school districts provide parents of these children with comprehensive, unbiased information about hearing technology, communication methods, and available services. Additionally, parents are empowered to choose the communication method they believe is best for their child, and services must be delivered by professionals trained in that chosen method. School districts are also required to inform parents of their rights and the district's responsibilities regarding these provisions.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill establishes a centralized program for deaf students, which may be operated by a school district under an agreement with the state department. This program will include residential services as part of its educational offerings. School districts that operate the program must submit an annual plan for approval and maintain their responsibilities for special education, including transportation for students residing within the district. The state department will provide funding to school districts that operate this program for the students enrolled. Statutes affected: SB0008A, AM SB 8, introduced 01/10/2025: 14.30.272, 14.30.276 SB0008B, AM CSSB 8(EDC), introduced 05/07/2025: 14.30.272, 14.30.276</p>	Senate • May 7, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0008B, AM CSSB 8(EDC), introduced 05/07/2025
AK 34 SB 13	DUNBAR	<p>An Act relating to the summer electronic benefits transfer program for children.</p> <p>The bill amends AS 44.27.020 to enhance the responsibilities of the Department of Education and Early Development in Alaska by including the administration of the summer electronic benefits transfer program for children. Specifically, the department is tasked with taking necessary actions to qualify for available federal funds for this program and to administer it effectively. Additionally, the bill allows the department to adopt regulations necessary for the implementation of the summer electronic benefits transfer program.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill introduces a new subsection that defines the "summer electronic benefits transfer program" as the federal program authorized by U.S.C. 1762, which provides benefits to children during the summer months. This legislative change aims to ensure that the state can effectively support children in need during the summer through the provision of electronic benefits. Statutes affected: SB0013A, AM SB 13, introduced 01/10/2025: SB0013B, AM CSSB 13(EDC), introduced 04/10/2025: 44.27.020</p>	Senate • Apr 10, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0013B, AM CSSB 13(EDC), introduced 04/10/2025
AK 34 SB 18	WIELECHOWS KI Gray-Jackson	<p>An Act relating to wireless telecommunications devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends Alaska's education laws to establish a policy regarding the use of wireless telecommunications devices in public schools. It mandates the Department of Education to develop a model policy that prohibits the use of non-school-issued wireless devices during regular school hours, including lunch and passing periods, with an allowance for emergency use. Furthermore, each school district is required to adopt a similar policy, which must be communicated to parents, guardians, students, volunteers, and school employees. Districts have the option to create their own policy or adopt the model provided by the state.</p> <p>The bill defines a "wireless telecommunications device" as any portable device capable of voice, messaging, or data communication. The effective date for this</p>	Senate • Mar 12, 2025: (S) Minutes (SEDC)	SB0018A, AM SB 18, introduced 01/22/2025

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		legislation is set for July 1, 2025.Statutes affected: SB0018A, AM SB 18, introduced 01/10/2025:		
AK 34 SB 20	GRAY-JACKSON Claman Tobin	<p>An Act relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation education in public schools; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing law to enhance health education in public schools by specifically incorporating instruction on hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR). It encourages each school district in Alaska to implement a health education program for students from kindergarten through grade 12, which now explicitly includes CPR education. The previous requirement for CPR instruction has been deleted, and a new section has been added that mandates the Department of Education and Early Development to adopt appropriate curricula for teaching CPR, determining the grade levels that will receive this instruction.</p> <p>The bill outlines that qualified individuals, such as certified CPR instructors or licensed emergency medical service providers, may present the curriculum. The instruction must adhere to current national guidelines for emergency cardiovascular care and include hands-on practice, as well as training on the use of automated external defibrillators. The effective date for this legislation is set for August 25, 2025.Statutes affected: SB0020A, AM SB 20, introduced 01/10/2025: 14.30.360</p> <p>teleconferenced, previously heard • Senate FINANCE</p> <p>Feb 03, 2026 09:00am</p> <p>SENATE FINANCE 532</p>	Senate • Feb 3, 2026: (S) FINANCE at 09:00 AM SENATE FINANCE 532	SB0020A, AM SB 20, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 SB 22	WIELECHOWS KI Gray-Jackson	<p>An Act establishing a financial literacy education program for public schools; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill establishes a financial literacy education program for public school students in grades nine through twelve in Alaska. Each school district is required to implement this program, which must be approved by the state department. The department will provide a curated list of open educational resources covering various financial topics, including budgeting, money management, loans, insurance, taxes, and the financial implications of Native corporation membership. Importantly, students must complete this program to receive a high school diploma, although exceptions are made for students who transfer after completing grade 10.</p> <p>The bill also specifies that the financial literacy program must be equivalent to a half-credit course and outlines the topics that must be included in the curriculum. It will apply to students graduating on or after January 1, 2027, and is set to take effect on July 1, 2026. The legislation aims to enhance students' understanding of financial matters, preparing them for responsible financial decision-making in adulthood.Statutes affected: SB0022A, AM SB 22, introduced 01/10/2025: 14.30.350</p>	Senate • Apr 4, 2025: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	SB0022A, AM SB 22, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 SB 23	STEVENS Gray-Jackson	<p>An Act relating to civics education, civics assessments, and secondary school graduation requirements; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill establishes new requirements for civics education and assessments in Alaska's secondary schools. It mandates the development of a statewide comparative government and civics education curriculum, which must include instruction on various topics such as the founding history of the United States, the Constitution, civil rights, and the roles of government institutions. Additionally, students must complete a civics assessment based on the naturalization examination and a project-based assessment to qualify for a secondary school diploma. The bill also allows for certain exceptions, such as for students who transfer into a state public school after completing grade 10 or those who have completed a high school state history course in another state.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill specifies that the new graduation requirements will apply to students entering grade nine on or after July 1, 2026. It also includes provisions for documenting students' passing scores on assessments and allows for the recognition of students who demonstrate a high level of civic proficiency through a seal of civic readiness on their transcripts and diplomas. The effective date for the implementation of these requirements is set for July 1, 2026.Statutes affected: SB0023A, AM SB 23, introduced 01/10/2025:</p>	Senate • Feb 28, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0023A, AM SB 23, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 SB 27	KIEHL	<p>An Act relating to restoration of tenure for certain disabled individuals; relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill seeks to amend the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system, primarily focusing on enhancing benefits for disabled individuals and providing retirement plan options. It allows teachers who were retired due to disability to regain their tenure rights if their disability is resolved, contingent upon certification from the commissioner of administration. Additionally, the bill introduces a one-time election for teachers hired after the effective date to choose between defined benefit and defined contribution retirement plans, with specific provisions for contributions and employer participation. Key amendments include the repeal and reenactment of sections related to retirement plan applicability and adjustments to contribution rates based on hire dates.</p>	Senate • Jan 22, 2025: (S) Referred to LABOR & COMMERCE	SB0027A, AM SB 27, introduced 01/22/2025

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		Moreover, the bill establishes new requirements for disabled employees, mandating proof of application for disability payments under the Social Security Act and enrollment in vocational rehabilitation programs within specified timeframes. It also modifies the conditions under which public employees can elect to switch retirement plans, ensuring informed and irrevocable decisions. The legislation includes adjustments to premium payments for retiree medical insurance based on service years and age, and clarifies definitions related to the retirement system's administration. The commissioner of administration is tasked with adopting necessary regulations for implementation, with mo...		
AK 34 SB 28	GIESSEL Gray-Jackson Kiehl	<p>An Act relating to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; providing certain employees an opportunity to choose between the defined benefit and defined contribution plans of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska and the teachers' retirement system, providing employees the option to choose between defined benefit and defined contribution plans. Key changes include the repeal and reenactment of AS 14.25.009, which clarifies retirement plan applicability for teachers, and amendments to AS 14.25.040 that outline participation conditions. The bill introduces new subsections allowing active members to elect participation in the defined benefit plan under specific criteria, including written notice to the administrator. It also establishes a one-time election for reemployed teachers to switch to the defined benefit plan, contingent on not having received a full distribution from their defined contribution account prior to reemployment.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill modifies various sections of Alaska Statutes related to retirement benefits, particularly for members who joined after June 30, 2006. It introduces a sub-trust for these newer members to ensure adequate funding for their costs and specifies different eligibility criteria for retirement benefits based on membership start dates. The bill also clarifies medical benefits for surviving spouses and dependents, establishes irrevocable elections for purchasing credited service, and adjusts retirement benefit calculations. Overall, the bill aims to enhance the retirement and medical benefits framework for teachers and public employees, ensuring sustainability and equity within t...</p>	Senate • Mar 31, 2025: (S) Minutes (SL&C)	SB0028A, AM SB 28, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 SB 41	GRAY-JACKSON Claman Giesel	<p>An Act relating to mental health education.</p> <p>The bill aims to enhance mental health education in Alaska's public school system by mandating the development of guidelines for mental health instruction. It emphasizes the importance of collaboration between the Board of Education and Early Development, the Department of Health, the Department of Family and Community Services, regional tribal health organizations, and representatives from national and state mental health organizations. The bill includes provisions for parental involvement, requiring local school boards to notify parents at least two weeks prior to any class or program that provides mental health instruction.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill amends existing laws to incorporate mental health education into health programs for students from kindergarten through grade 12. It replaces the term "physical health" with "mental health, physical health" in the context of health education and establishes guidelines for developmentally appropriate mental health instruction. The state Board of Education is tasked with creating these guidelines and is required to submit a report to the legislature two years after the bill's enactment, detailing the guidelines and the development process. Statutes affected: SB0041A, AM SB 41, introduced 01/17/2025: 14.03.016, 14.30.020, 14.30.360</p>	Senate • Feb 28, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0041A, AM SB 41, introduced 01/22/2025
AK 34 SB 46	CLAMAN	<p>An Act relating to education funding; relating to the public education fund; relating to the base student allocation; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill amends various sections of Alaska's education funding laws, primarily focusing on the public education fund and the base student allocation. Key changes include the replacement of references to AS 14.17.400 with AS 14.17.410, which outlines the distribution of state aid to school districts. The bill specifies that public school funding will consist of state aid, required local contributions, and eligible federal impact aid, with the calculation of a district's basic need being adjusted accordingly. Additionally, the bill introduces new provisions for calculating state aid based on the adjusted Average Daily Membership (ADM) of districts and includes measures for districts experiencing enrollment decreases or school consolidations.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill repeals several existing sections related to education funding, including AS 14.17.300 and AS 14.17.400, and establishes new guidelines for funding correspondence study programs and state boarding schools. It mandates that the governor adjust public school education appropriations for inflation and report these adjustments to the legislature. The effective date for the bill is set for July 1, 2025, and it applies to contracts that become legally binding after this date. Statutes affected: SB0046A, AM SB 46, introduced 01/17/2025: 14.03.150, 14.17.410, 14.17.400, 14.17.470, 14.17.450, 14.17.460, 14.17.420, 14.17.430, 14.17.510, 29.45.110, 14.17.440, 14.16.010, 14.17.500, 14.17.610, 14.17.900, 37.07.020 SB0046B, AM SSSB...</p>	Senate • Mar 5, 2025: (S) Minutes (SEDC)	SB0046B, AM SSSB 46, introduced 02/28/2025
AK 34 SB 55	STEDMAN Myers Shower	<p>An Act relating to employer contributions in the teachers' retirement system; relating to supplemental employee benefits; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws regarding supplemental employee benefits in Alaska, specifically focusing on contributions to the employee annuity accounts for those in the public employees' retirement system and the teachers' retirement system. It establishes that participating employers in these retirement systems must contribute an amount equal to 6.13 percent of employee wages up to the taxable wage base in the federal social security system. Additionally, the bill outlines a phased contribution schedule from the department for the teachers' retirement system, where the department will cover 100 percent of the contribution</p>	Senate • Apr 14, 2025: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	SB0055B, AM CSSB 55(L&C), introduced 03/26/2025

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		<p>for fiscal years 2027-2029, decreasing to 66 and two-thirds percent for 2030-2033, and finally to 33 and one-third percent for 2034-2037.</p> <p>The bill also clarifies the definition of a "participating employer" to include those in either the teachers' or public employees' retirement systems that do not participate in the federal social security system. It removes previous conditions for becoming a participating employer and simplifies the criteria for eligibility. The effective date for this act is set for July 1, 2026. Statutes affected: SB0055A, AM SB 55, introduced 01/22/2025: 14.25.070, 14.20.136, 14.25.173, 14.25.350, 39.30.170, 39.30.150, 39.30.180 SB0055B, AM CSSB 55(L&C), introduced 03/26/2025: 39.30.150, U.S.C, 39.30.180, 39.30.170</p>		
AK 34 SB 64	SENATE RULES	<p>An Act relating to elections; relating to voters; relating to voting; relating to voter registration; relating to election administration; relating to the Alaska Public Offices Commission; relating to campaign contributions; relating to the crimes of unlawful interference with voting in the first degree, unlawful interference with an election, and election official misconduct; relating to synthetic media in electioneering communications; relating to campaign signs; relating to voter registration on permanent fund dividend applications; relating to the Redistricting Board; relating to the duties of the commissioner of revenue; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill seeks to amend various aspects of election administration in Alaska, with a focus on improving voter registration, residency determination, and identification requirements. Key changes include clarifying residency rules to ensure individuals do not lose their residency status while temporarily away for specific reasons, and introducing a requirement for voters to have an "articulable and reasonable plan" to return to their physical habitation. The bill also recognizes identification cards issued by federally recognized tribes as valid forms of ID for voter registration, replacing previously accepted hunting or fishing licenses. Additionally, it enhances voter roll maintenance by mandating regular audits of the master voter register and establishing a process for voters to electronically cancel their registration.</p> <p>Further amendments aim to enhance voting accessibility and transparency, including the appointment of a rural community liaison to improve access to early and absentee voting in rural areas. The bill modifies absentee voting procedures by removing the requirement for voters to sign their absentee ballot certificates in the presence of specific officials and introduces a new online ballot-tracking system. It also establishes secure ballot drop boxes and allows voters to opt-in for future absentee ballots without reapplying. Moreover, the bill addresses election integrity and cybersecurity by creating new offenses related to election official misconduct and ...</p>	House • Jan 29, 2026: (H) Heard & Held	SB0064D, AM CSSB 64(FIN) am, introduced 05/12/2025, passed Senate 05/12/2025
AK 34 SB 66	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	<p>An Act relating to demonstration state-tribal education compacts; relating to demonstration state-tribal education compact schools; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill establishes a framework for demonstration state-tribal education compacts in Alaska, allowing the commissioner of education and early development to enter into agreements with participating tribes. The compacts will have a five-year term and must include provisions related to roles and responsibilities, legal compliance, recordkeeping, and dispute resolution, among others. The bill also mandates that these compact schools operate according to their agreements while being exempt from most state statutes and regulations applicable to school districts, except for those specified in the bill. Additionally, it outlines the requirements for teacher certification and employment, ensuring that teachers at these schools can be certified based on specialized knowledge relevant to the tribes.</p> <p>The bill includes provisions for funding, reporting, and regulation, allowing the legislature to appropriate funds to these compact schools as if they were regional educational attendance areas. It requires participating tribes to report student data and school performance to the Department of Education and Early Development, which will compile this information for legislative review. The act will be repealed on July 1, 2036, and takes effect immediately upon passage. Statutes affected: SB0066A, AM SB 66, introduced 01/24/2025: 14.03.016, 14.03.050, 14.03.072, 14.03.083, 14.03.090, 14.03.127, 14.03.135, 14.03.140, 14.09.010, 14.09.030, 14.14.050, 14.14.110, 14.33.010, 14.33.250, 14.17.50...</p>	Senate • Jan 24, 2025: (S) Referred to EDUCATION	SB0066A, AM SB 66, introduced 01/24/2025
AK 34 SB 81	STEDMAN	<p>An Act relating to employer contribution rates in the teachers' retirement system and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill amends existing laws regarding employer contribution rates in the teachers' retirement system and the Public Employees' Retirement System of Alaska. Specifically, it establishes that the annual employer contribution rate must be sufficient to cover three key components: (1) the employer's normal cost, (2) an amount calculated based on a certified rate for liquidating past service liability, and (3) the employer contributions required under specified sections of the law. These amendments are made to AS 14.25.070(d) and AS 39.35.255(d).</p> <p>The bill emphasizes the importance of ensuring that employer contributions are adequate to meet the financial obligations of the retirement systems. It is designed to enhance the stability and sustainability of these systems by mandating that contributions not fall below a certain threshold. The act is set to take effect immediately upon passage. Statutes affected: SB0081A, AM SB 81, introduced 01/31/2025: 14.25.070, 37.10.220, 14.25.350, 39.30.370, 39.35.255</p>	Senate • Feb 2, 2026: (S) -- Public Testimony Time Limit May Be Set --	SB0081A, AM SB 81, introduced 01/31/2025
AK 34 SB 82	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF	<p>An Act relating to education; relating to public school attendance; relating to mobile communication devices in schools; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to authorization of charter schools; relating to transportation of students; relating to school bond debt reimbursement; relating to funding and reporting by Alaska technical and vocational education programs; authorizing lump sum payments for</p>	Senate • Apr 14, 2025: (S) Heard & Held	SB0082A, AM SB 82, introduced

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	THE GOVERNOR	<p>certain teachers as retention and recruitment incentives; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill introduces significant amendments to Alaska's education laws, focusing on public school attendance, mobile communication device policies, reading proficiency grants, charter school authorization, and school construction funding. It clarifies that school-age children can attend public school without tuition in their resident district and allows applications to schools outside their district, contingent on capacity. A new mandate requires school districts to restrict student use of personal mobile devices during school hours, with exceptions for emergencies and educational purposes. Additionally, the bill establishes a reading proficiency incentive grant program for K-6 students, providing \$450 for each qualifying student, and modifies the timeline for bond debt reimbursement applications, extending eligibility for municipalities until 2030.</p> <p>Moreover, the bill outlines a tiered reimbursement structure for school construction funding based on the date of authorization, with percentages ranging from 90% to 40%. It increases funding factors for vocational and technical instruction and introduces a financial incentive program for full-time teachers, offering \$10,000 to teachers in certain districts and \$15,000 in others to enhance retention and recruitment. The bill also mandates a joint report from the house and senate education committees on public school funding and accountability, while allowing the Department of Education to adopt necessary regulations. Certain provi...</p>		01/31/2025
AK 34 SB 90	GIESSEL Tobin Claman	<p>An Act relating to the examination and treatment of minors; relating to consent for behavioral and mental health treatment for minors 16 years of age or older; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws regarding the consent for medical, behavioral, and mental health treatment for minors aged 16 and older in Alaska. It allows unaccompanied homeless minors or those living independently from their parents to provide consent for such services, provided they have the necessary documentation. Additionally, the bill introduces provisions for minors to consent to outpatient behavioral and mental health services for up to five appointments without parental consent, with specific conditions under which parental consent may be bypassed if it is deemed detrimental to the minor's well-being.</p> <p>The bill also clarifies the responsibilities of mental health providers in obtaining parental consent and outlines the circumstances under which they can continue to provide services without it. It ensures that parents are relieved of financial obligations for services rendered under these new provisions. Furthermore, the bill specifies that the rights of parents regarding major medical treatment are maintained, except in cases covered by the new consent provisions. The effective date for this legislation is set for January 1, 2026. Statutes affected: SB0090A, AM SB 90, introduced 02/10/2025: 25.20.025, 18.16.010, 14.30.174, 47.30.915, 47.10.084, 25.20.028, 47.12.150</p>	Senate • Apr 25, 2025: (S) Referred to RULES	SB0090A, AM SB 90, introduced 02/10/2025
AK 34 SB 93	TOBIN Gray-Jackson	<p>An Act relating to district-wide early education programs; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill amends existing laws related to district-wide early education programs in Alaska. Specifically, it modifies AS 14.17.500(d) to state that a student in an approved early education program is counted as a full-time equivalent student, with the previous designation of being counted as "one-half of" a full-time equivalent student being removed. Additionally, the bill repeals several sections of law, including AS 14.17.500(f), which is no longer necessary due to the changes made.</p> <p>The bill also includes a provision for its effective date, which is set for July 1, 2025. This legislative change aims to streamline the counting of students in early education programs and eliminate outdated regulations, thereby potentially enhancing the funding and support for these programs in Alaska. Statutes affected: SB0093A, AM SB 93, introduced 02/12/2025: 14.17.500, 14.07.020</p>	Senate • Mar 6, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0093A, AM SB 93, introduced 02/12/2025
AK 34 SB 101	GRAY-JACKSON	<p>An Act relating to health and personal safety education.</p> <p>The bill amends existing laws related to health and personal safety education in Alaska's public schools. It requires each public school to provide an annual report that includes a summary and evaluation of the health and personal safety education curriculum, detailing student participation, frequency of instruction, and the grades in which the program is taught. Additionally, the bill mandates that the health and personal safety education program must include comprehensive sexual health education, covering topics such as human development, consent, and contraception, while ensuring the information is age-appropriate and scientifically accurate.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill modifies the language surrounding the health and personal safety education program, changing the phrasing from "should" to "must" to emphasize the requirement for schools to provide this education. It also establishes guidelines for the program, ensuring that it is inclusive and emphasizes the importance of voluntary consent. The evaluation of these programs will be conducted by the department, similar to other curriculum evaluations, and will also assess changes in students' health status. The bill repeals a previous section (AS 14.30.361) that is no longer necessary. Statutes affected: SB0101A, AM SB 101, introduced 02/14/2025: 14.03.120, 14.30.420, 14.03.123, 14.30.360, 14.16.050, 14.03.030, 14.03.050, 14.03.083, 14.03.140, 14.07.020, 14.12.150, 14.14.050, 14.14.110, 14.14.140, 14.17.500, 14.17.505, 14.17.910...</p>	Senate • Feb 14, 2025: (S) Referred to EDUCATION	SB0101A, AM SB 101, introduced 02/14/2025
AK 34 SB 102	SENATE STATE AFFAIRS	<p>An Act exempting the state from daylight saving time; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>The bill proposes to exempt the state of Alaska from observing daylight saving time, which is the practice of advancing clocks during warmer months. It introduces a new section to the Alaska Statutes (AS 44.12) that states the entire state will adhere to standard time during the period designated for daylight saving time, as outlined in federal law (15 U.S.C. 260a).</p>	Senate • Apr 30, 2025: (S) Referred to RULES	SB0102A, AM SB 102, introduced 02/19/2025

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		The effective date for this change is set for November 4, 2025. This legislation aims to simplify timekeeping within the state by eliminating the biannual clock changes associated with daylight saving time.Statutes affected: SB0102A, AM SB 102, introduced 02/19/2025:		
AK 34 SB 127	GRAY-JACKSON BY REQUEST	An Act relating to the education of visually impaired students in public schools. The bill amends existing laws to enhance the education of visually impaired students in public schools in Alaska. It introduces a new requirement that when developing an individualized education program (IEP) for a visually impaired student, school districts must assume that literacy proficiency is crucial for achieving the student's educational goals. The IEP must include braille instruction unless it is determined that other special education services are more suitable for the student's needs, although the provision of these services does not eliminate the requirement for braille instruction. Additionally, the bill establishes a program of special education services for visually impaired children aged three to less than five years, which will be administered by the agency in collaboration with the department and school districts. This program may include special materials, services, and the employment of teachers specifically for visually impaired students. Furthermore, the agency is tasked with providing in-person training in braille for current teachers of visually impaired students. The bill also defines "braille" as the system of reading and writing through touch, specifically referring to Standard English Braille, Grade 2.Statutes affected: SB0127A, AM SB 127, introduced 03/12/2025: 14.30.278, 14.30.630, 14.60.010	Senate • Mar 12, 2025: (S) Referred to EDUCATION	SB0127A, AM SB 127, introduced 03/12/2025
AK 34 SB 146	SENATE FINANCE	An Act relating to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund; relating to Mt. Edgecumbe High School; and relating to teacher housing. The bill amends existing laws related to the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district fund, specifically addressing funding for school construction and maintenance projects. It allows the department to make disbursements from the fund to provide grant funding to school districts classified as regional educational attendance areas or small municipal school districts. Additionally, the bill specifies that funds can be allocated for construction and major maintenance projects at Mt. Edgecumbe High School, as well as for major maintenance projects for teacher housing that is owned by the state or the school districts and is provided to teachers working in these areas. Furthermore, the bill establishes the regional educational attendance area and small municipal school district school fund as an account in the general fund, which will be used to finance approved projects for school construction and major maintenance. The amendments clarify that the fund will support projects not only in regional educational attendance areas and small municipal school districts but also specifically at Mt. Edgecumbe High School and for teacher housing maintenance. The previous restriction on the unobligated and unexpended cash balance of the fund, which capped it at \$70 million, has been removed.Statutes affected: SB0146A, AM SB 146, introduced 03/26/2025: 14.11.025, 14.11.030	Senate • May 12, 2025: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	SB0146A, AM SB 146, introduced 03/26/2025
AK 34 SB 151	B.JORKMAN Tobin	An Act relating to head lice in public schools. This bill mandates that each school district in Alaska adopt specific policies regarding the management of head lice and bacterial conjunctivitis in public schools. Under the new provisions, if a student is found with live head lice, they may remain in the classroom until the end of the school day. However, they cannot return to class until a qualified health professional has confirmed the absence of lice. The school is required to provide the student's parents with treatment information and notify the parents of other students in the classroom while ensuring privacy. For bacterial conjunctivitis, the bill stipulates that a student must leave the classroom immediately upon diagnosis and cannot return until they have started medical treatment for a specified duration. Schools must also inform the parents of other students in the classroom about the situation while maintaining privacy. The bill includes a definition of "school district" as per existing law and establishes that the new regulations will take effect 180 days after the initial provisions are enacted.Statutes affected: SB0151A, AM SB 151, introduced 03/28/2025: SB0151B, AM CSSB 151(EDC), introduced 05/12/2025: 14.30.144	Senate • May 12, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0151B, AM CSSB 151(EDC), introduced 05/12/2025
AK 34 SB 182	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	An Act relating to education; relating to open enrollment in public schools; relating to charter schools; relating to correspondence study programs; relating to the base student allocation; relating to the provision of special education and related services; relating to reading proficiency incentive grants; relating to wireless telecommunication devices in public schools; and providing for an effective date. This bill amends various sections of Alaska's education laws to enhance open enrollment policies, charter school operations, and the provision of special education services. Key changes include allowing children to attend public schools outside their resident district upon application, subject to capacity and district policies. It mandates that school districts publish enrollment policies and data on their websites, and it establishes a new requirement for charter schools to have a clear application process that allows submissions at any time during the school year. Additionally, the bill introduces a reading proficiency incentive grant for students in grades K-6 who meet specific reading performance criteria. Further amendments focus on the governance of charter schools, including provisions for contract renewals and appeals against contract terminations. The bill also sets a new base student allocation amount of \$6,520 and introduces a policy for the use of wireless telecommunications devices in schools, requiring	Senate • Apr 22, 2025: (S) Referred to FINANCE	SB0182A, AM SB 182, introduced 04/22/2025

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		districts to adopt regulations on their possession and use. The effective date for these changes is set for July 1, 2025. Statutes affected: SB0182A, AM SB 182, introduced 04/22/2025: 14.03.080, 14.14.110, 14.14.120, 14.03.120, 14.30.420, 14.03.123, 14.03.250, 14.03.255, 14.03.253, 14.03.256, 14.03.290, 14.03.260, 14.17.410, 14.17.420, 14.17.505, 14.03.275, 14.17.430, 14.17.400, 14.17.470, 14.30.010, 14.20.020, 14.45.100, 14.45.200, 14.03.160, 14.30.045, 14.30.18...		
AK 34 SB 184	SENATE FINANCE	An Act relating to school bond debt reimbursement; and providing for an effective date. This bill amends existing laws regarding school bond debt reimbursement in Alaska, specifically extending the timeline for municipalities to apply for reimbursement for school construction or major maintenance projects. The bill changes the cutoff date for applications from January 1, 2015, to July 1, 2027, allowing municipalities to seek reimbursement for indebtedness authorized by qualified voters during this extended period. Additionally, it repeals certain provisions related to bond debt reimbursement that were set to expire on July 1, 2025, and instead sets a new expiration date of July 1, 2027. The bill also includes a retroactivity clause, stating that if the Act takes effect after July 1, 2025, it will be retroactive to that date. This means that any applications for bond debt reimbursement that would have been affected by the previous cutoff date will still be eligible under the new provisions. Overall, the bill aims to provide municipalities with additional time and support for funding school construction and maintenance projects through bond debt reimbursement. Statutes affected: SB0184A, AM SB 184, introduced 04/25/2025: 14.11.014, 14.11.100, 14.07.020, 14.11.008, 14.11.102	Senate • May 12, 2025: (S) Minutes (SFIN)	SB0184A, AM SB 184, introduced 04/25/2025
AK 34 SB 187	WIELECHOWSKI	An Act prohibiting certain food additives in public school meals; and providing for an effective date. The proposed bill aims to prohibit certain food additives in public school meals in Alaska. Specifically, it introduces a new section to AS 14.03, which states that public schools are not allowed to serve any food or beverage containing specific color additives that are certified by the United States Food and Drug Administration. The additives listed include red dye 3, red dye 40, yellow dye 5, yellow dye 6, blue dye 1, blue dye 2, and green dye 3, each identified by their respective U.S. Chemical Abstracts Service numbers. The bill is set to take effect on July 1, 2025, allowing schools time to adjust their meal programs to comply with the new regulations. This initiative reflects a growing concern over the health impacts of certain food additives on children and aims to promote healthier eating options within public school nutrition programs. Statutes affected: SB0187A, AM SB 187, introduced 04/25/2025:	Senate • Apr 25, 2025: (S) Referred to EDUCATION	SB0187A, AM SB 187, introduced 04/25/2025
AK 34 SB 197	MYERS Hughes	An Act relating to mathematics education; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; and relating to the duties of school districts. The bill aims to enhance mathematics education in Alaska by establishing clear guidelines and support systems for students from kindergarten through eighth grade. It emphasizes the importance of providing 60 minutes of mathematics instruction daily, ensuring that parents or guardians are regularly informed of their child's progress. The legislation mandates the Department of Education and Early Development to provide school districts with a list of evidence-based instructional materials and assessments that align with state content standards. Additionally, it requires districts to create a mathematics improvement plan for students who score below proficient on assessments, ensuring they receive targeted intervention instruction. Furthermore, the bill outlines the development of advanced mathematics tracks for students in grades six through twelve, culminating in enrollment in Algebra I or equivalent courses before high school. It stipulates automatic enrollment for students who demonstrate proficiency on assessments, while also allowing parents to request placement in advanced classes. The legislation also mandates that districts provide academic support for students in advanced tracks and communicate the implications of advanced mathematics enrollment to students and their families. Overall, the bill seeks to foster mathematical proficiency and prepare students for future academic and career opportunities. Statutes affected: SB0197A, AM SB 197, introduced 05/20/2025:	Senate • Jan 28, 2026: (S) PRIME SPONSOR CHANGED - MYERS REPLACED HUGHES	SB0197A, AM SB 197, introduced 05/19/2025
AK 34 SB 204	CRONK Yundt Tobin	An Act relating to substitute teaching; and relating to the qualifications of school board members. The bill amends existing laws regarding the qualifications of school board members and their ability to serve as substitute teachers. Specifically, it introduces a new provision allowing members of a regional school board to be employed as substitute teachers, notwithstanding previous restrictions. This change is reflected in the amendments to AS 14.08.041 and AS 14.14.140, which both confirm that school board members can take on substitute teaching roles. Additionally, the bill updates the qualifications required to be a member of a school board by stipulating that candidates must not have been convicted of any felony under state or federal law, including those for which they have been unconditionally discharged. This new requirement is detailed in the amendment to AS 14.12.080, which aims to ensure that school board members meet certain legal standards before serving in their roles. Statutes affected: SB0204A, AM SB 204, introduced 01/09/2026: 14.08.041, 14.14.140, 14.12.080, 12.73.090 teleconferenced, previously heard • Senate EDUCATION	Senate • Feb 4, 2026: (S) -- Invited & Public Testimony --	SB0204A, AM SB 204, introduced 01/09/2026

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		Feb 04, 2026 03:30pm BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)		
AK 34 SB 206	TOBIN Gray-Jackson	<p>An Act relating to reports of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in schools; relating to parental notification of incidents of harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving students and threats of suicide by students; and establishing the firearm safe storage grant fund.</p> <p>The bill amends existing laws regarding the reporting of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in schools, and introduces new provisions for parental notification and firearm safety. It requires school employees, students, or volunteers who witness or have reliable information about such incidents to report them to both a school official and a child advocacy center. Additionally, it allows school districts to adopt plans to notify parents or guardians about incidents involving their children, including threats of suicide, and mandates that they provide resources for suicide prevention and information on limiting access to firearms and lethal medications.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill establishes a firearm safe storage grant fund managed by the Department of Public Safety, which will provide firearm safe storage devices to school districts at no cost. The fund will consist of appropriated money, grants, and donations, and it does not lapse. The bill also allows the department to adopt regulations to implement these provisions, ensuring that schools have the necessary resources to promote safety and prevent access to firearms by unauthorized individuals. Statutes affected: SB0206A, AM SB 206, introduced 01/09/2026: 14.33.220, 47.17.033, 44.41.080, 44.29.350, 14.33.240</p>	Senate • Jan 22, 2026: (S) COSPONSOR(S): GRAY-JACKSON	SB0206A, AM SB 206, introduced 01/21/2026
AK 34 SB 209	BJORKMAN	<p>An Act relating to high school graduation requirements and proficiency confirmation tools.</p> <p>The bill aims to enhance high school graduation requirements in Alaska by ensuring that all students demonstrate proficiency in essential subject areas before graduating. It establishes legislative intent to confirm that students achieve proficiency in required classes and introduces new definitions for "school district" and "social studies," which now explicitly includes civics, U.S. history, and state history. The bill mandates the development of performance standards for students in grades eight, 10, and 12 in economics, science, and social studies, and requires school districts to administer proficiency confirmation tools to assess students' proficiency in these subjects, as well as language arts and mathematics.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill outlines specific graduation requirements, including a minimum of 21 to 24 units of credit depending on the program, with defined credits in language arts, social studies, mathematics, science, and health and physical education. It allows for flexibility for students transferring into a district after earning at least 13 credits from another school. The provisions regarding proficiency confirmation and graduation requirements will apply to students graduating on or after January 1, 2030. Statutes affected: SB0209A, AM SB 209, introduced 01/16/2026: 14.03.075, 14.30.350</p>	Senate • Jan 21, 2026: (S) Referred to EDUCATION	SB0209A, AM SB 209, introduced 01/16/2026
AK 34 SB 210	TOBIN Gray-Jackson Dunbar	<p>An Act relating to the recognition of Indigenous cultures in public education.</p> <p>The bill amends AS 14.03.015 to establish a state policy aimed at promoting the recognition and understanding of Indigenous cultures, specifically those of Alaska Natives and American Indians, within public education. It encourages all state residents to learn about the unique cultural heritages of these groups in a culturally responsive manner. Additionally, it mandates that local educational institutions collaborate with tribes to incorporate relevant cultural information into their educational goals and rules, emphasizing the importance of Alaska Native and American Indian tribal groups and governments.</p> <p>Furthermore, the bill requires that all school personnel develop an understanding of Alaska Native and American Indian tribes to effectively engage with students and parents from these communities. To facilitate this, local educational institutions are instructed to consult and contract with tribal entities, ensuring that school personnel receive the necessary training to appreciate and relate to Alaska Native and American Indian cultures. Statutes affected: SB0210A, AM SB 210, introduced 01/16/2026: 14.03.015</p> <p>first hearing, teleconferenced • Senate EDUCATION</p> <p>Feb 06, 2026 03:30pm</p> <p>BELTZ 105 (TSBldg)</p>	Senate • Feb 6, 2026: (S) -- Invited & Public Testimony --	SB0210A, AM SB 210, introduced 01/16/2026
AK 34 SB 217	SENATE RULES BY REQUEST OF THE GOVERNOR	<p>An Act relating to employer contributions to the unemployment compensation fund; establishing an employer contribution for the state training and employment program; and providing for an effective date.</p> <p>This bill amends existing laws regarding employer contributions to the unemployment compensation fund in Alaska. It introduces a new requirement for employers to contribute 0.4 percent of their wages to the state training and employment program, with the collected funds being remitted to the Department of Revenue and potentially appropriated to the employment assistance and training program account. Additionally, the bill allows employers to receive a credit against this new contribution based on their existing contributions, which could reduce or eliminate their liability under the new provision.</p>	Senate • Jan 21, 2026: (S) Referred to LABOR & COMMERCE	SB0217A, AM SB 217, introduced 01/21/2026

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		Furthermore, the bill modifies the contribution rates for employers under AS 23.20.290(c). It establishes a maximum contribution rate of six and one-half percent while ensuring that the minimum rate is zero percent. It also specifies that employers with less than four quarters of experience must contribute at least one percent. The bill includes various adjustments to the contribution structure, such as rounding to the nearest hundredth of a percent and clarifying the experience factor for different rate classes. The effective date for these changes is set for January 1, 2027. Statutes affected: SB0217A, AM SB 217, introduced 01/21/2026: 23.15.630, 23.20.175, 23.20.290, 37.10.050, 23.15.625		
AK 34 SB 228	RAUSCHER	<p>An Act relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to public education; and relating to opioid abuse awareness and prevention.</p> <p>The bill proposes the establishment of an opioid abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for students in grades six through twelve, as part of the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development. This new section, AS 14.30.363, mandates that the curriculum includes at least 60 minutes of annual instruction on the dangers of opioid use, particularly those that may contain fentanyl, as well as the science behind opioid use, prevention strategies, and early warning signs of addiction. The curriculum must be taught by each school district during the last week of October and is to be developed in consultation with the Department of Health, relevant state and tribal entities, and families affected by opioid overdoses.</p> <p>Additionally, the bill defines key terms related to the curriculum, including "curriculum," "drugs," "opioid," "opioid abuse," and "opioid addiction." The intent of this legislation is to enhance awareness and prevention efforts regarding opioid abuse among school-aged children, thereby addressing a critical public health issue. Statutes affected: SB0228A, AM SB 228, introduced 01/28/2026:</p>	Senate • Jan 28, 2026: (S) Referred to EDUCATION	SB0228A, AM SB 228, introduced 01/28/2026
AK 34 SJR 21	TOBIN Giesel	<p>Supporting and encouraging the continued recruitment and retention of international educators on J-1 and H-1B visas in the state.</p> <p>SJR21 was introduced to address the numerous challenges facing school districts in securing foreign residents through the H1b and J1 Visa programs. Recently, President Trump signed an executive order requiring employers to pay up to \$100,000 per visa applicant. The executive order has caused considerable confusion and concern. The impact to Alaska foreign teacher hiring is unclear and I would expect SJR21 to amended to consider making an Alaska position on the matter a part of the final version.</p> <p>The resolution expresses strong support for the recruitment and retention of international educators on J-1 and H-1B visas in Alaska, emphasizing their critical role in addressing teacher shortages, particularly in rural and remote communities. It highlights the importance of these educators in providing high-quality education and ensuring that students have the opportunity to succeed academically. The resolution notes the challenges faced by school districts in filling teaching positions, especially in key subject areas like math, science, and special education, and recognizes the contributions of international educators who bring specialized knowledge and skills to the state's educational system.</p> <p>Furthermore, the resolution calls on school districts, higher education institutions, and policymakers at both state and federal levels to support the ongoing recruitment and retention of these educators. It advocates for policies that enhance job mobility, provide greater security for international educators, and acknowledge their vital contributions to the state's workforce. The Alaska State Legislature reaffirms its commitment to fostering an inclusive educational environment and urges Congress to take action to protect the legal status of these educators, ensuring their continued presence in Alaska's diverse education system.</p>	Senate • May 12, 2025: (S) Heard & Held	SJR021A, AM SJR 21, introduced 05/07/2025
AK 34 SJR 22	TOBIN Gray-Jackson	<p>Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska relating to public education.</p> <p>The resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Alaska concerning public education. It seeks to revise Article VII, Section 1, to affirm that the legislature is responsible for establishing and maintaining a system of public schools that are accessible to all children in the state, while ensuring that these schools remain free from sectarian control. Additionally, it stipulates that no public funds shall be allocated for the direct benefit of any religious or private educational institutions.</p> <p>Furthermore, the amendment introduces a new subsection that acknowledges the unique cultural heritages of American Indians and Alaska Natives. It emphasizes the state's commitment to preserving their cultural integrity in the development and maintenance of public schools and educational institutions. The proposed amendments will be presented to the voters of Alaska during the next general election, in accordance with the state's constitutional and election laws.</p>	Senate • Jan 22, 2026: (S) COSPONSOR(S): GRAY-JACKSON	SJR022A, AM SJR 22, introduced 01/21/2026

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NORTH SLOPE BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT



Northwest Arctic Borough School District

Wednesday, February 4th

5 pm Dinner at TK MaGuire's 375 Whitter St. 907-228-3476: Prep for meetings



Main Topics Discussed:

Inflation proof BSA

Increase to BSA still needed

Need for language and culture and alignment of curriculum

Deering and Harold Kaveolook - Katovik Schools

Need for mental health counselors, nurses

Teacher recruitment and retention, Visa issues, and retirement and benefits

Thursday, February 5th

8:00 am Rep. Frier, Rm. 108

8:30 am Rep. Himschoot, Rm. 411

9:00 am Rep. Schrage, Rm. 410 **AND**

9:00 am Rep. Story, Rm. 403

9:30 am Rep. Galvin, Rm. 502 **AND**

9:30 am Sen. Giessel, Rm. 121

10:00 am Rep. Moore, Rm. 432

10:30 am Sen. Olson, Rm. 508

11:30 am Rep. Carrick, Rm. 406

1:30 pm Sen. Cronk, Rm. 11

2 pm Sen. Tilton, Rm. 9

2:30 pm Rep. Hall, Rm. 434

3 pm Dept. of Environmental Conservation (NWABSD--Deering)

3 pm Sen. Hoffman, Rm. 518

3:30 pm Rep. Foster, Rm. 511



Friday, February 6th

8: 30 am Rep. Josephson, Rm. 505

9:00 am Rep. Stapp, Rm. 500

9:15 am Rep. Hannan, Rm. 501

9:30 am Rep. Mears, Rm. 102

10:00 am Sen. Kawasaki, Rm. 119

10:30 am House Floor Introductions – special recognition of Johnny Ticket

11:30 am Sen. Tobin, Rm. 115

11:45 am Rep. Mina, Rm. 416

1:00 pm Rep. Holland, RM. 418 **AND**

Rep. Bynum, Rm. 400

1:30 pm Rep. Steve St. Clair, Rm. 110 **AND**

Rep. Edgmon, Rm. 208

1:45 pm Rep. Schwanke, Rm. 409

3:30 Rep. Story, Rm. 403 (Superintendents only)





NORTH SLOPE **BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**



Northwest Arctic Borough School District

Sunday, February 8th

5:30 pm Bullwinkle's Downtown for pizza

Monday, February 9th

8:00 Joint House-Senate Education forum with AASB School District
Room 106

9:00 Sen. Dunbar (D) Room 125 907-465-6944

9:15 Rep. Frier (D) Room 108 907-465-3473

10:30 House Floor introductions

11:00 Snack or early lunch

2:30 Sen. Kawasaki (D) Room 119 907-465-3466

Tuesday, February 10th

8:30 Sen. Olson (D) Room 508 907-465-3707

9:30 Rep. Schrage (NA) Room 410 907-465-2199

10:15 Rep. Mina (D) Room 416 907-465-3424