

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 72(EDC)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/29/22

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): SENATORS STEVENS, Begich, Hughes, Micciche, Myers, Revak, Stedman, Kawasaki, Costello, von Imhof, Hoffman, Bishop, Shower

REPRESENTATIVES Spohnholz, Johnson

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to civics education and secondary school graduation requirements; and**
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

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

5 **Sec. 14.03.076. Civics curriculum requirement.** (a) The board shall develop
6 and periodically review a statewide civics education curriculum that is based on the
7 civics portion of the naturalization examination used by the United States Citizenship
8 and Immigration Services of the Department of Homeland Security and primary
9 source documents. The curriculum must also include systems of government used by
10 Alaska Natives. A district may use the curriculum to educate students in civics.

11 (b) A district shall provide to the department a report that includes a
12 description of the civics courses offered in the district and other civics education
13 curriculum information when updated as required by the department in regulation.

14 *** Sec. 2.** AS 14.07.168 is amended to read:

1 **Sec. 14.07.168. Report to the legislature.** Not later than the 30th legislative
2 day of each regular session of the legislature, the board shall prepare and present [IN
3 PERSON] to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education an annual
4 report that describes the efforts of the board to develop, maintain, and continuously
5 improve a comprehensive quality public education system, as provided for under the
6 bylaws of the board. The report must include

7 (1) a summary of the resolves and rationales provided in support of
8 policy decisions made under AS 14.03.015;

9 (2) program and curriculum changes made, discussed, or
10 recommended in meetings held under AS 14.07.125;

11 (3) additional information relevant to efforts made to improve and
12 maintain the public education system;

13 **(4) a description of the civics education curriculum in the state**
14 **public school system and civics courses offered in each district.**

15 * **Sec. 3.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2023.