

HOUSE BILL NO. 206

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY THE HOUSE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Introduced: 3/25/09

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act establishing a career assessment requirement in public schools; and relating to**
2 **postsecondary courses for secondary school students."**

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

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

5 **Sec. 14.03.073. Secondary student career assessment.** (a) Each school
6 district in the state shall require students in grade 12 to complete a career preparedness
7 assessment as described in (b) of this section.

8 (b) The commissioner shall select for use in the state an assessment designed
9 to measure a student's level of preparedness to make the transition to work or college.
10 The assessment must assess a student's career aptitude and readiness for postsecondary
11 education or training in the areas of

- 12 (1) applied mathematics;
13 (2) reading for information; and
14 (3) locating information.

1 (c) Subject to the availability of appropriations, the department shall

2 (1) obtain a license that enables school districts to administer the
3 assessment described in (b) of this section with no charge assessed to the district by
4 the vendor of the assessment;

5 (2) provide districts with training and support in administering the
6 assessment; and

7 (3) provide a report to each student on the results of the student's
8 assessment, based on nationally recognized criteria for evaluating a student's
9 preparedness to make the transition to work or college.

10 (d) The results of a student's career preparedness assessment shall be
11 displayed in summary form on the student's high school diploma.

12 **Sec. 14.03.074. Secondary student enrollment in postsecondary institution.**

13 (a) A secondary student who passes all portions of the examination required under
14 AS 14.03.075 may enroll in a postsecondary institution in the state that is approved by
15 the commissioner if

16 (1) the student is enrolled in a public secondary school in the state;

17 (2) the student is otherwise eligible to enroll, as determined by the
18 postsecondary institution; and

19 (3) the postsecondary courses will be completed before the student's
20 graduation from secondary school.

21 (b) The school district in which the student is enrolled in secondary school
22 shall pay the course fees for postsecondary courses in which the student enrolls under
23 this section.