

SENATE CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 230(EDC) am S(edf add S)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to teacher certificates for retired teachers; repealing the limit on the
2 number of years of out-of-state school experience that may be substituted for in-state
3 experience in teacher salary scales; relating to teacher national board certification; and
4 providing for an effective date."

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

6 * **Section 1.** AS 14.20.020(g) is amended to read:

7 (g) The department shall issue a teacher certificate to a person who possessed
8 a valid Alaska teacher certificate upon retirement. A teacher certificate issued under
9 this subsection is valid for the life of the retired teacher and qualifies the holder as a
10 substitute teacher in the state. **A teacher certificated under this subsection may**
11 **teach as a long-term substitute teacher for not more than 165 consecutive days of**
12 **a school term. In this subsection, "long-term substitute teacher" means a teacher**
13 **who is employed in the state to substitute teach for more than 20 consecutive days**
14 **of a school term.**

1 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.20 is amended by adding a new section to read:

2 **Sec. 14.20.225. Teacher incentive payments and reimbursement of costs**
 3 **relating to national board certification.** (a) In January of each year, a district or the
 4 department, as applicable, may pay an incentive payment of \$5,000 to each teacher
 5 who is employed by the district or the department and who holds a current and valid
 6 national board certification.

7 (b) A district or the department, as applicable, shall reimburse each teacher
 8 who is employed by the district or the department and who is pursuing an initial
 9 national board certification or renewal of a national board certification for the costs the
 10 teacher has paid to a nationally recognized board in pursuing or renewing the
 11 certification, including the costs of course materials, registration, and testing. The
 12 district or the department, as applicable, shall reimburse the teacher on an ongoing
 13 basis for the costs incurred by the teacher and not later than 60 days after the teacher
 14 makes a request for reimbursement.

15 (c) The department shall provide sufficient funding, subject to appropriation
 16 and in addition to the state aid received under AS 14.17, to a district to make national
 17 board certification incentive and reimbursement payments as provided in this section.

18 (d) Nothing in this section prohibits a district or the department from
 19 providing additional monetary incentives to a teacher.

20 (e) In this section,

21 (1) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990;

22 (2) "national board certification" means individual achievement of national professional
 23 teaching standards as certified by a nationally recognized board.

24 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.16.050(a)(3)(C); AS 14.20.220(e), and 14.20.220(g) are repealed.

25 * **Sec. 4.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
 26 read:

27 **APPLICABILITY.** (a) Section 1 of this Act applies to a contract or collective
 28 bargaining agreement that becomes legally binding on or after the effective date of sec. 1 of
 29 this Act.

30 (b) Section 2 of this Act applies to a contract or collective bargaining
 31 agreement that becomes legally binding on or after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

1 (c) AS 14.20.225(b), added by sec. 2 of this Act, applies to costs a teacher incurs on
2 or after the effective date of sec. 2 of this Act.

3 * **Sec. 5.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2024.