

HOUSE BILL NO. 285

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

BY REPRESENTATIVES GARA AND TUCK

Introduced: 1/19/10

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act supporting parental involvement in schools through employment of parental**
2 **involvement coordinators."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section
5 to read:

6 SHORT TITLE. This Act may be known as the Involved Parents and Successful
7 Students Act.

8 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

9 **Sec. 14.03.118. Parental involvement coordinator.** (a) Each school district
10 shall employ at least two persons at the administrative office of the school district to
11 serve as parental involvement coordinators for the district. One of the parental
12 involvement coordinators employed under this subsection may be assigned clerical
13 and support duties related to parental involvement coordination. The district may also
14 employ clerical staff necessary to support the work of the parental involvement

1 coordinators.

2 (b) In addition to the parental involvement coordinators employed under (a) of
3 this section, each school district shall employ one person for each 500 students
4 enrolled in the district or one person for each public school located in the district,
5 whichever is greater, to perform work to enhance parental involvement in district
6 schools. The district may assign the persons employed under this subsection to schools
7 with the greatest need.

8 (c) The department shall distribute funds to each school district for the costs
9 associated with employment of parental involvement coordinators, clerical support for
10 parental involvement coordinators, and additional staff employed under (a) and (b) of
11 this section from funds appropriated by the legislature. If the appropriation is
12 insufficient to pay all eligible costs under this section, the department shall distribute
13 the available funds on a pro rata basis.

14 (d) The funding appropriated for the payment of parental involvement
15 coordination under this section is in addition to the base student allocation under
16 AS 14.17.470.

17 (e) A school district is required to comply with the requirements of (a) and (b)
18 of this section only to the extent that funds have been appropriated to cover the cost of
19 meeting those requirements.