

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 1(RLS)
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BY THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATOR DAVIS

REPRESENTATIVES Kawasaki, Costello

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring the state Board of Education and Early Development to provide an**
2 **annual report to the legislature; and establishing a joint legislative task force on theme-**
3 **based education."**

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

5 *** Section 1.** AS 14.07 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 14.07.168. Report to the legislature.** Not later than the 30th legislative
7 day of each regular session of the legislature, the board shall prepare and present in
8 person to the legislative committees having jurisdiction over education an annual
9 report that describes the efforts of the board to develop, maintain, and continuously
10 improve a comprehensive quality public education system, as provided for under the
11 bylaws of the board. The report must include

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

14 (2) program and curriculum changes made, discussed, or

1 recommended in meetings held under AS 14.07.125;

2 (3) additional information relevant to efforts made to improve and
3 maintain the public education system.

4 * **Sec. 2.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
5 read:

6 **JOINT LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE ON THEME-BASED EDUCATION.** (a) An
7 advisory task force on theme-based education is established as a legislative task force for the
8 purpose of compiling data and advising the legislature on matters pertaining to curriculum in
9 public schools in the state.

10 (b) The task force established under this section consists of one member of the senate
11 appointed by the president of the senate, one member of the house of representatives
12 appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and the chair of the house committee
13 having jurisdiction over education.

14 (c) Members of the task force serve without compensation but are entitled to per diem
15 and travel expenses authorized for boards and commissions under AS 39.20.180. The staff of
16 the legislative members of the task force shall serve as staff for the task force.

17 (d) The task force shall meet at the call of the chair not less than once every three
18 months. The chair of the house committee having jurisdiction over education or the chair's
19 designee shall call the first meeting of the task force not later than 30 days after the effective
20 date of this Act and shall serve as chair of the task force.

21 (e) The task force shall

22 (1) compile research conducted in the state and nationally on theme-based
23 education;

24 (2) explore new approaches that may be effective in producing increased
25 levels of career readiness;

26 (3) prepare for the legislature a set of written recommendations to improve
27 curriculum in the state.

28 (f) The task force shall submit the findings and recommendations developed under (e)
29 of this section in a report to the legislature not later than January 1, 2012.

30 (g) The task force terminates January 1, 2012.