

SENATE BILL NO. 116

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR STEVENS

Introduced: 4/19/15

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

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

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03.075(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) A school may not issue a secondary school diploma to a student unless the
6 student

7 (1) takes a college and career readiness assessment or receives a
8 waiver from the governing body; and

9 (2) receives a passing score on an examination consisting, at a
10 minimum, of the 100 questions of the civics portion of the naturalization test used
11 by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services under 8 U.S.C.
12 1446(b) or is a student with a disability and receives a waiver from the governing
13 body.

14 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.03.075(e) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

1 (3) "passing score" means a result of at least 60 percent correct
2 responses.

3 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.075 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

4 (f) If a student does not receive a waiver and meets the examination
5 requirement in (a)(2) of this section, a school shall document on the student's
6 transcript that the student has received a passing score on the examination.

7 * **Sec. 4.** AS 14.07.165(a) is amended to read:

8 (a) The board shall adopt

9 (1) statewide goals and require each governing body to adopt written
10 goals that are consistent with local needs;

11 (2) regulations regarding the application for and award of grants under
12 AS 14.03.125;

13 (3) regulations implementing provisions of AS 14.11.014(b);

14 (4) regulations requiring approval by the board before a charter school,
15 state boarding school, or a public school may provide domiciliary services;

16 (5) regulations implementing the college and career readiness
17 assessment **and civics examination** provisions of AS 14.03.075, providing for the
18 needs of a student who is a child with a disability, and setting standards for a waiver
19 under AS 14.03.075; the regulations may address the conditions, criteria, procedure,
20 and scheduling of the assessment.

21 * **Sec. 5.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2016.