

HOUSE CS FOR CS FOR SENATE BILL NO. 119(FIN)

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TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Sponsor(s): SENATORS MEYER, McGuire, Ellis, Menard, Davis, Paskvan

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to athletic trainers; relating to student participation in interscholastic**
2 **activities; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.30.142(d) is amended to read:

5 (d) A student who has been removed from participation in a practice or game
6 for suspicion of concussion may not return to **participation in practice or game** play
7 until the student has been evaluated and cleared for participation in writing by **an**
8 **athletic trainer or other** [A] qualified person who has received training [AND IS
9 CURRENTLY CERTIFIED], as verified in writing or electronically by the qualified
10 person, in the evaluation and management of concussions. In this subsection,
11 "qualified person" means either a

12 (1) health care provider who is licensed in the state or exempt from
13 licensure under state law; or

14 (2) person who is acting at the direction and under the supervision of a

1 physician who is licensed in the state or exempt from licensure under
2 AS 08.64.370(1), (2), or (4).

3 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.30 is amended by adding a new section to read:

4 **Sec. 14.30.365. Interscholastic activities; eligibility.** (a) A full-time student
5 who is eligible under (b) of this section who is enrolled in grades nine through 12 in an
6 alternative education program that is located entirely in the state and that does not
7 offer interscholastic activities is eligible to participate in any interscholastic activities
8 program available in a public school

9 (1) that, based on the residence of the parent or legal guardian, the
10 student would be eligible to attend were the student not enrolled in an alternative
11 education program; or

12 (2) at which the student requests to participate, if

13 (A) the student shows good cause; and

14 (B) the governing body of the school approves.

15 (b) A student is eligible to participate in interscholastic activities under this
16 section if the student

17 (1) is otherwise eligible to participate in interscholastic activities under
18 requirements established by the school, the school district, and the statewide
19 interscholastic activities governing body;

20 (2) provides documentation, including academic transcripts, proof of
21 full-time enrollment, and applicable disciplinary records, and, if required for
22 participation in an activity by the school, requested medical records, to the school
23 providing the interscholastic activities program; and

24 (3) claims the same school for interscholastic activities eligibility
25 purposes during a school year.

26 (c) In this section,

27 (1) "alternative education program" means a public secondary school
28 that provides a nontraditional education program, including the Alaska Military Youth
29 Academy; a public vocational, remedial, or theme-based program; a home school
30 program that is accredited by a recognized accrediting body; a charter school
31 authorized under AS 14.03.250 - 14.03.290; and a statewide correspondence school

1 that enrolls students who reside outside of the district in which the student resides and
 2 provides less than three hours a week of scheduled face-to-face student interactions in
 3 the same location with a teacher who is certified under AS 14.20.020;

4 (2) "district" has the meaning given in AS 14.17.990;

5 (3) "full-time student" means a student who

6 (A) is enrolled in not less than five classes in grades nine
 7 through 11 and not less than four classes in grade 12; and

8 (B) is on track to graduate from secondary school in not more
 9 than four years of attendance in secondary school;

10 (4) "interscholastic activities" means preparation for and participation
 11 in events or competitions involving another school when the preparation or
 12 participation

13 (A) is sanctioned or supported by the statewide interscholastic
 14 activities governing body;

15 (B) is conducted outside of the regular school curriculum; and

16 (C) does not involve participation in student government at a
 17 school.

18 * **Sec. 3.** Section 1 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

19 * **Sec. 4.** Section 2 of this Act takes effect July 1, 2013.