

SENATE BILL NO. 41

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR DYSON

Introduced: 1/30/13

Referred: Education

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to student participation in interscholastic activities in religious and**
2 **other private schools; and providing for an effective date."**

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

4 *** Section 1.** AS 14.45 is amended by adding a new section to article 3 to read:

5 **Sec. 14.45.150. Interscholastic activities; eligibility.** (a) A full-time student
6 who is eligible under (b) of this section who is enrolled in grades nine through 12 in an
7 alternative education program that is located entirely in the state and that does not
8 offer interscholastic activities is eligible to participate in any interscholastic activities
9 program available in a religious or other private school regulated under this chapter

10 (1) that the student would be eligible to attend were the student not
11 enrolled in an alternative education program; and

12 (2) at which the student requests to participate, if the administrator of
13 the school approves.

14 (b) A student is eligible to participate in interscholastic activities under this

1 section if the student

2 (1) is otherwise eligible to participate in interscholastic activities under
3 requirements established by the school and the statewide interscholastic activities
4 governing body;

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

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

11 (c) In this section,

12 (1) "alternative education program" means a public secondary school
13 that provides a nontraditional education program, including the Alaska Military Youth
14 Academy; a public vocational, remedial, or theme-based program; a home school
15 program that is accredited by a recognized accrediting body; a charter school
16 authorized under AS 14.03.250 - 14.03.290; and a statewide correspondence school
17 that enrolls students who reside outside of a district in which the student resides and
18 provides less than three hours a week of scheduled face-to-face student interactions in
19 the same location with a teacher who is certified under AS 14.20.020;

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

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

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

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

26 (4) "interscholastic activities" means preparation for and participation
27 in events or competitions involving another school when the preparation or
28 participation

29 (A) is sanctioned or supported by the statewide interscholastic
30 activities governing body;

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

1 (C) does not involve participation in student government at a
2 school.

3 * **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.