

SENATE BILL NO. 57

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR STEVENS

Introduced: 2/15/13

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to parental involvement in education; adjusting pupil transportation**
2 **funding; amending the time required for employers to give tenured teachers notification**
3 **of their nonretention; and providing for an effective date."**

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

5 * **Section 1.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

6 **Sec. 14.03.072. Kindergarten through grade three; parent information.** (a)

7 The department shall annually provide to parents and guardians of students enrolled in
8 kindergarten through grade three in a public school in the state current information on
9 the importance of early literacy, including

10 (1) intervention strategies;

11 (2) home literacy plans;

12 (3) grade retention standards and policies for the elementary school
13 attended;

14 (4) strategies and resources to help children learn to read.

1 (b) In partnership with local media outlets, the department shall create and
2 implement a communications campaign to educate parents and guardians about the
3 importance of early literacy. The campaign shall include an Internet website that
4 provides access to current research on early literacy, book recommendations, and
5 vocabulary building exercises.

6 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.09.010 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 (e) The per student amount available to a school district under (a) of this
8 section shall be adjusted annually on October 1 according to changes in the Consumer
9 Price Index for all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by
10 the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. The reference base
11 index for an adjustment made under this subsection is the Consumer Price Index for
12 all urban consumers for the Anchorage metropolitan area compiled by the United
13 States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the years 1982 through
14 1984.

15 * **Sec. 3.** AS 14.20.140(a) is amended to read:

16 (a) If a teacher who has acquired tenure rights is to be laid off under
17 AS 14.20.177 or is not to be retained for the following school year, the employer shall
18 notify the teacher of the layoff or nonretention by writing, delivered before **May 15**
19 [MARCH 16], or by registered mail postmarked before **May 15** [MARCH 16].

20 * **Sec. 4.** Section 9, ch. 19, SLA 2012, is repealed.

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

23 APPLICABILITY. AS 14.20.140(a), as amended by sec. 3 of this Act, applies to a
24 contract or collective bargaining agreement that becomes legally binding on or after the
25 effective date of this Act.

26 * **Sec. 6.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.