

SENATE BILL NO. 170

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR THOMAS

Introduced: 1/20/12

Referred: Education, Finance

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act requiring vocational education counseling in public schools."**

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

3 * **Section 1.** AS 14.07.020(a) is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

4 (19) ensure the delivery of vocational education and training
5 counseling required under AS 14.14.090 in all public schools in the state; if a school
6 district is unable to provide vocational education and training counseling, the
7 department shall provide additional resources and technical assistance that result in the
8 delivery of the counseling.

9 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.14.090 is amended by adding a new paragraph to read:

10 (11) except as otherwise provided in this paragraph, deliver vocational
11 education and training counseling to students in grades seven, nine, and 11; if a district
12 is unable to provide vocational education and training counseling because of a lack of
13 resources or technical expertise, the district shall request that the department provide
14 the resources and technical assistance necessary to deliver the counseling; this
15 paragraph does not require a district to deviate from a schedule for delivering

1 vocational education and training counseling that was consistently provided by the
2 district before the effective date of this Act.