

**SENATE BILL NO. 6**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA  
TWENTY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

**BY SENATORS DAVIS AND FRENCH**

**Introduced: 1/19/11**

**Referred: Education, Finance**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to providing a prekindergarten program within a school district; and**  
2 **providing for an effective date."**

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

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 14.03.060(a) is amended to read:

5 (a) Except as provided in (e) of this section, an elementary school consists of  
6 grades kindergarten through grade eight or any appropriate combination of grades  
7 within this range, **and a prekindergarten program provided by a school district**  
8 **for students four and five years of age.**

9 **\* Sec. 2.** AS 14.03 is amended by adding a new section to read:

10 **Sec. 14.03.065. Prekindergarten program.** A prekindergarten program  
11 provided by a school district must

12 (1) be optional;

13 (2) be for a child four or five years of age who resides in the district;

14 and

1 (3) be funded under AS 14.17.905(a) and (c).

2 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 14.03.080 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

3 (g) A child who is four or five years of age on or before September 1  
4 following the beginning of the school year and who is under school age may enter a  
5 public school prekindergarten program.

6 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 14.07.020(c) is amended to read:

7 (c) In this section, "pre-elementary school" means a school for children  
8 [AGES] three through five years **of age** if the school's primary function is educational,  
9 **and a prekindergarten program for children four or five years of age that is**  
10 **provided by a school district.**

11 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 14.07.165 is amended to read:

12 **Sec. 14.07.165. Duties.** The board shall adopt

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

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

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

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

20 (5) regulations implementing the secondary school student competency  
21 examination provisions of AS 14.03.075, including the criteria and procedure under  
22 which a governing body uses a waiver to grant a diploma to a student; criteria  
23 regarding granting a waiver must include provisions that a waiver may only be granted  
24 for students who enter the system late or have rare or unusual circumstances meriting  
25 a waiver;

26 **(6) regulations for the implementation of a prekindergarten**  
27 **program by a school district using the model curriculum developed by the**  
28 **department under AS 14.07.030(13).**

29 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 14.17.905(a) is amended to read:

30 (a) For purposes of this chapter, the determination of the number of schools in  
31 a district is subject to the following:

1 (1) a community with an ADM of at least 10, but not more than 100,  
2 shall be counted as one school;

3 (2) a community with an ADM of at least 101, but not more than 425,  
4 shall be counted as

5 (A) one elementary school, which includes those students in  
6 grades kindergarten through six, **and, except as provided in (c) of this**  
7 **section, a prekindergarten program provided by a school district for**  
8 **students four and five years of age;** and

9 (B) one secondary school, which includes students in grades  
10 seven through 12;

11 (3) in a community with an ADM of greater than 425, each facility that  
12 is administered as a separate school shall be counted as one school, except that each  
13 alternative school with an ADM of less than 175 shall be counted as a part of the  
14 school in the district with the highest ADM.

15 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 14.17.905 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

16 (c) A school district may not include in the average daily membership of a  
17 school students who are four or five years of age if the students are enrolled in a  
18 program that receives funding other than funding under this section.

19 \* **Sec. 8.** This Act takes effect July 1, 2013.