

2022 Bills – 32nd Alaska State Legislature
Summary of Passed Education Related Legislation

Bill Number (Bill Added)	Short Title	Prime Sponsor	Summary Title	Status	Impact to DEED/School Districts *based on an initial review by DEED
HB 19	LIMITED TEACHER CERTIFICATES; LANGUAGES	KREISS-TOMKINS	“An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and establishing limited language immersion teacher certificates.”	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	Allows DEED to issue limited language immersion teacher certificates, valid only in the area of expertise for which it is issued, to teach students enrolled in a language immersion program.
HB 53	MILITARY CHILDREN SCHOOL RESIDENCY WAIVER	MCCARTY	“An Act relating to residency requirements for public school enrollment for certain children of active duty military and National Guard members; and providing for an effective date.”	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	Requires school districts to consider students to be a resident of the district and admit the student to a public school in the district if a parent or guardian of the student is serving as an active duty member of the armed forces or a member of the National Guard and is transferred or pending transfer to a military installation in the state.
HB 114 (HB 147 HB 413 SB 111)	EDUCATION: SCHOOLS; FUNDING; PROGRAMS	GOVERNOR	“An Act relating to facilities constituting a school; relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to public schools and school districts; relating to early education programs; relating to funding for early education programs; relating to school age eligibility; relating to reports by the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to reports by school	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	Amends AS 14.17.905(c) to exclude charter schools, which addresses a remedy on a technical problem in the public school funding formula which affected the Hooper Bay School within the Lower Yukon School District. The problem occurred when the district, which is a single school with more than 425 students, opened a charter school and cost them about \$1 million per year in formula funding.

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			<p>districts; relating to certification and competency of teachers; relating to screening reading deficiencies and providing reading intervention services to public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; relating to textbooks and materials for reading intervention services; establishing a reading program in the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to the definition of 'parent' in education statutes; relating to a virtual education consortium; relating to the education loan program, the Alaska supplemental education loan program, and the teacher education loan program; and providing for an effective date."</p>		<p>This bill contains the Alaska Reads Act, which establishes four new programs in DEED: an early education program, a comprehensive reading intervention program, a school improvement reading program, and a virtual education consortium.</p> <p>Provides the Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education (ACPE) with a number of authorities that will allow ACPE to better meet Alaskans' student loan needs, and thus is expected to increase the origination of loans funded by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation (ASLC); as well as amends the definition of a 'rural' community relating to the teacher education loan program.</p>
HB 322	AK MARINE HWY FUNDS, HIGHER ED INVES FUND	(H) TRA	<p>"An Act relating to the Alaska marine highway system fund; relating to the Alaska marine highway system vessel replacement fund; relating to the Alaska higher education investment fund; and providing for an effective date."</p>	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	<p>This bill moves the Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund from the General Fund which results in the fund not being subject to the constitutional sweep under Article IX, section 17(d) of the Alaska Constitution. Funds subject to the sweep must be both available for appropriation and reside in the General Fund. By establishing the</p>

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HB 325 (SB 187)	DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL OFFENSES/CONSENT	RASMUSSEN	“An Act relating to petitions for a change of name for certain persons; relating to the duty to register as a sex offender; relating to sexual offenses; relating to domestic violence; relating to the code of military justice; relating to consent; relating to the testing of sexual assault examination kits; relating to lifetime revocation of a teaching certificate for certain offenses; amending Rule 84, Alaska Rules of Civil Procedure; and providing for an effective date.”	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	System Fund, Vessel Replacement Fund, and Alaska Higher Education Investment Fund as separate funds in the state treasury rather than in the General Fund, they would not be subject to the sweep. This bill adds the citation for distribution or possession of child pornography to the list of causes requiring lifetime revocation of a teaching certificate upon conviction by the Professional Teaching Practices Commission (PTPC) or the Commissioner.
SB 20	OUT OF STATE TEACHER RECIPROCITY	STEVENS	“An Act relating to teaching certificates for teachers holding out-of-state certificates.”	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	This bill eliminates the preliminary teaching certificate and allows an educator with a valid out-of-state teaching certificate to qualify for a regular teaching certificate based on the valid out-of-state teaching certificate, at least a bachelor’s degree, and a criminal history background check.

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SB 34	STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS	STEVENS	"An Act relating to a demonstration state-tribal education compact; relating to demonstration state-tribal education compact schools; and providing for an effective date."	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	<p>An out-of-state teacher qualifying for this certificate type would not be required to pass a competency or a content area exam and would have two years to satisfy the Alaska studies and multicultural coursework. An out-of-state teacher qualifying for this certificate type would also have 90 days to satisfy the mandatory training requirements.</p> <p>This bill directs the State Board of Education and Early Development to negotiate with federally recognized tribes on establishing five demonstration state-tribal education compact schools that may operate for a five-year term. The negotiated outcome being a report to the legislature based on these negotiations.</p>
SB 71	COUNCIL ON ARTS: PLATES & MANAGE ART	STEVENS	"An Act relating to special request registration plates celebrating the arts; relating to artwork in public buildings and facilities; relating to the management of artwork under the art in public places fund; relating to the powers and duties of the Alaska State Council on the Arts; establishing the Alaska arts and cultural investment fund; and providing for an effective date."	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	<p>Allows the Division of Motor Vehicles to collect a registration fee not to exceed \$50 for a vehicle registration plate celebrating the arts.</p> <p>Establishes the attorney general as the legal counsel for the Alaska State Council on the Arts (ASCA), while allowing ASCA to retain temporary legal counsel for good cause with the approval of the attorney general.</p>

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SB 174	STUDENTS: ALLOW NAT HAIRSTYLE, DRESS CODE	WILSON	“An Act relating to dress codes and natural hairstyles.”	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	<p>Lastly, it provides ASCA the opportunity to hold a license plate design competition celebrating the arts every four years and establishes the Alaska Arts and Cultural investment fund.</p> <p>This bill prohibits dress codes that restrict historical or natural hairstyles for students. Conversely, a dress code may restrict hairstyles to comply with health or safety law, regulation, or ordinance.</p>
SB 198	RAMPART SCHOOL: YUKON-KOYUKUK DISTRICT	GOVERNOR	“An Act providing that Rampart School is located within the Yukon-Koyukuk School District regional educational attendance area; and providing for an effective date.”	AWAIT TRANSMIT TO GOV	Amends AS 14.08.031 making Rampart School a part of the Yukon-Koyukuk School District regional educational attendance area. Effective immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).