

**2021 Prefile Bills – 32<sup>nd</sup> Alaska State Legislature**  
**Summary of K-12 Education Related Legislation:**

<b>Bill Number</b>	<b>Short Title</b>	<b>Prime Sponsor</b>	<b>Summary Title</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Impact to DEED/School Districts</b> <i>*based on an initial review by DEED</i>
HB 9	INCOME TAX; PFD PAYMENT/CREDIT	HANNAN	An Act relating to the taxation of income of individuals, partners, shareholders in S corporations, trusts, and estates; relating to a payment against the individual income tax from the permanent fund dividend disbursement; repealing tax credits applied against the tax on individuals under the Alaska Net Income Tax Act; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	This bill is primarily dealing with tax laws and only has two references to public education. The first reference is in the short title, under section 1, stating, "This Act may be known as the Education Funding Act." And the other reference is on page 22, section 4, (e) stating the legislature may appropriate funds under this subsection into the public education fund; however, nothing in this subsection creates a dedicated fund.
HB 15	TEMP PERMITS & LICENSES; MILITARY LICENSE	THOMPSON	An Act relating to occupational licensing; relating to temporary licenses and permits; relating to certification of teachers; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Requires DEED to issue a preliminary teacher's certificate to an activity duty member or a spouse who meets the requirements under AS 14.20.015.
HB 18	TEACHERS: NATIONAL BOARD CERTIFICATION	KREISS-TOMKINS	An Act relating to national board certification for public school teachers.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Requires public schools to display the name of each teacher at that school who has achieved national board certification and sets a goal of the Legislature that by the year 2025 at least four percent of public school teachers in the state will have achieved national board certification.
HB 19	LIMITED TEACHER CERTIFICATES; LANGUAGES	KREISS-TOMKINS	An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Allows DEED to issue limited language immersion teacher certificates, valid only in the area of expertise for which

			establishing limited language immersion teacher certificates.		it is issued, to teach students enrolled in a language immersion program.
HB 24	SCHOOL EMPLOYEE BREAKS: NURSING MOTHERS	HOPKINS	An Act requiring certain school districts to give teachers who are nursing mothers reasonable breaks and a location to express breast milk.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Requires school districts to give nursing mothers reasonable break times and a location to express milk for one year after giving birth.
HB 25	PUBLIC SCHOOLS: SOCIAL/EMOTIONAL LEARNING	HOPKINS	An Act relating to the duties of the state Board of Education and Early Development; relating to statewide standards for instruction in social-emotional learning; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Requires DEED to adopt statewide standards for instruction in social-emotional learning.
HB 43	EXTEND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY	STORY	An Act extending the termination date of the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Extends the sunset date of the Special Education Service Agency to June 30, 2029.
HB 48	AK PERFORMANCE SCHOLARSHIP; ELIGIBILITY	STORY	An Act relating to eligibility for the Alaska performance scholarship program.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Allows APS scholarships to be awarded to applicants who have completed a core academic curriculum that includes career and technical education.
HB 49	APPROP: EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMS	STORY	An Act making special appropriations from the general fund for early literacy programs in public schools; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Appropriates \$20,225,000 from the general fund for early literacy programs, to be distributed to school districts based on adjusted average daily membership. The money would be distributed over two fiscal years: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$10 million in FY22</li> <li>• \$10,225,000 in FY23</li> </ul> Requires school districts to report how they used the money to DEED by

					January 15, 2022. DEED would then be required to report that information to the Legislature by January 31, 2022.
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.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	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 57	FUNDS SUBJECT TO CBR SWEEP PROVISION	JOSEPHSON	An Act relating to the budget reserve fund established under art. IX, sec. 17(d), Constitution of the State of Alaska; relating to money available for appropriation for purposes of applying art. IX, sec. 17, Constitution of the State of Alaska; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile – Second Release 1/15/2021	Defines ‘sweepable’ and ‘general’ funds. Clarifies that school improvement performance, curriculum improvement, school construction, major maintenance, public education, memorial education, dividend raffle, and school trust land sale funds are not subject to the sweep.
HB 60	PUBLIC SCHOOLS: MENTAL HEALTH EDUCATION	CLAMAN	An Act relating to mental health education.	Prefile – Second Release 1/15/2021	Directs DEED to develop statewide standards for mental health and encourages school districts to include mental health in their health education program.
HB 67	APPROP: K-12 ACAD. RECOVERY FROM COVID-19	STORY	An Act making a special appropriation from the general fund for K-12 public schools to support student recovery from academic losses as a result of COVID-19; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile – Second Release 1/15/2021	Appropriates \$20,000,000 from the general fund for COVID-19 relief, to be distributed to school districts based on adjusted average daily membership by June 30, 2022. Requires school districts to report how they used the

					money to DEED and the Legislature by January 31, 2022.
SB 8	PRE-K/ELEM ED PROGRAMS/FUNDING; READING	BEGICH	An Act relating to early education programs provided by school districts; relating to school age eligibility; relating to funding for early education programs; establishing early education programs and a voluntary parent program; relating to the duties of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to certification of teachers; establishing a reading intervention program for public school students enrolled in grades kindergarten through three; establishing a reading program in the Department of Education and Early Development; establishing a teacher retention working group; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	This year's iteration of the Alaska Reads Act (SB 6 in 2020). This bill creates three new programs: an early education program, a comprehensive reading intervention program, and a school improvement reading program.
SB 10	FREE/REDUCED TUITION FOR ESSENTIAL WORKER	BEGICH	An Act establishing a grant program to provide to essential workers the tuition and fees to attend a state-supported postsecondary educational institution.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Requires ACPE to establish an essential worker grant program to cover the undergraduate tuition and fees of essential workers to attend a state-supported postsecondary institution. Total grant awards may not exceed \$10 million in a fiscal year and are subject to appropriation. ACPE must provide an annual report to the Legislature on the grant program.

SB 15	OPEN MEETINGS ACT; PENALTY	COSTELLO	An Act relating to the Open Meetings Act; and establishing a civil penalty for violations of the open meeting requirements by members of governmental bodies.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Establishes a civil penalty, not to exceed \$1,000, for a member of a governmental body who is an elected or appointed public official who knowingly attends a meeting of the governmental body on which they serve that violates existing statute outlining the requirements of a public governmental meeting under AS 44.62.310. State Board of Education meetings are subject to the Open Meetings Act and members would be impacted by this bill.
SB 18	CLASS SIZE REDUCTION GRANT PROGRAM	BEGICH	An Act directing school districts to set maximum class sizes; and establishing a grant program to support class size reduction in public elementary schools.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Directs school districts to adopt policies setting the maximum class size for each grade. Establishes a class size reduction grant program in DEED.
SB 19	EXTEND SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICE AGENCY	STEVENS	An Act extending the special education service agency; and providing for an effective date.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Extends the sunset date of the Special Education Service Agency to June 30, 2028.
SB 20	OUT OF STATE TEACHER RECIPROCITY	STEVENS	An Act relating to recognition of certificates of out-of-state teachers.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Requires DEED to issue teacher certificates to people who hold a valid teacher certificate issued by another state, who have had a background check, and who have paid the required fee.
SB 32	COLLEGE CREDIT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS	STEVENS	An Act establishing the Alaska middle college program for public school students; and relating to the powers of the University of Alaska.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Establishes the Alaska middle college program, allowing students to enroll in University of Alaska courses and earn dual credit. The bill requires the University to enter into agreements with school districts that have eligible students interested in participating in

					the program. Agreements must allow any eligible student to participate. Requires DEED submit an annual report to the Legislature to include information on the Alaska middle college program.
SB 34	STATE-TRIBAL EDUCATION COMPACT SCHOOLS	STEVENS	An Act providing for the establishment of public schools through state-tribal compacts.	Prefile - First Release 1/8/2020	Allows the commissioner of DEED to enter into compacts with federally recognized tribes in the state for the establishment of state tribal education compact schools.
SB 42	VIRTUAL AND EARLY EDUCATION, READING	HUGHES	An Act relating to early education programs provided by school districts; relating to course credit for students; relating to annual reports regarding school district performance and school district employees; relating to school age eligibility; relating to funding for early education programs; establishing early education programs and a voluntary parent program; relating to the duties and powers of the Department of Education and Early Development; relating to school operating fund reserves; relating to certification of teachers; relating to the Professional Teaching Practices Commission; relating to a virtual education consortium; establishing a reading intervention program for public school students enrolled in	Prefile – Second Release 1/15/2021	Bill short title is the ‘Alaska Reading and Virtual Education Act.’ Establishes an early education program, a comprehensive reading intervention program, a school improvement reading program, and a virtual education consortium.  The bill appears to be a combination of SB 79 (2019), SB 114 (2019), and SB 6 (2020).

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