

SENATE BILL NO. 75

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

BY SENATOR COSTELLO

Introduced: 3/3/17

Referred: Labor and Commerce, Education

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act relating to instruction in a language other than English; and relating to limited**
2 **teacher certificates."**

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

4 * **Section 1.** AS 14.20.025 is repealed and reenacted to read:

5 **Sec. 14.20.025. Limited teacher certificates.** (a) Notwithstanding
6 AS 14.20.020(b) and 14.20.022, the department may issue a limited teacher certificate,
7 valid only in the area of expertise for which it is issued, to a person qualified under (b)
8 of this section to teach

- 9 (1) Alaska Native Culture;
10 (2) military science;
11 (3) vocational or technical education;
12 (4) any subject if the language of instruction is not English.

13 (b) A person may apply for a limited teacher certificate under this section if
14 the person is the subject of a request made under (c) of this section and demonstrates,

1 as required by regulations adopted by the board, instructional skills and subject matter
2 expertise sufficient to assure the public that the person is competent as a teacher. The
3 board may require a person issued a limited teacher certificate under this section to
4 undertake academic training as may be required by the board by regulation and make
5 satisfactory progress in the academic training.

6 (c) The department may only issue a limited teacher certificate under this
7 section if the school board of the district or regional educational attendance area or the
8 academic policy committee of the charter school in which an applicant for a limited
9 teacher certificate will be teaching submits a request to the department for the limited
10 teacher certificate to be issued to the applicant. A request for a limited teacher
11 certificate under (a)(4) of this section must specify the subject and instructional
12 language for which the certificate is valid.

13 (d) The board may adopt regulations necessary to implement this section. The
14 regulations may not require an applicant under (a)(4) of this section to achieve a
15 minimum score on an examination unless the examination is given in the instructional
16 language for which the limited certificate is valid.

17 (e) A limited teacher certificate issued under this section is initially valid for
18 one year. The department may, in accordance with regulations adopted by the board,
19 extend or renew a limited teacher certificate issued under this section if the school
20 board or academic policy committee that initially requested the issuance of the limited
21 teacher certificate requests that the certificate be extended or renewed and certifies
22 that the person has demonstrated skills in classroom instruction and student
23 assessment.