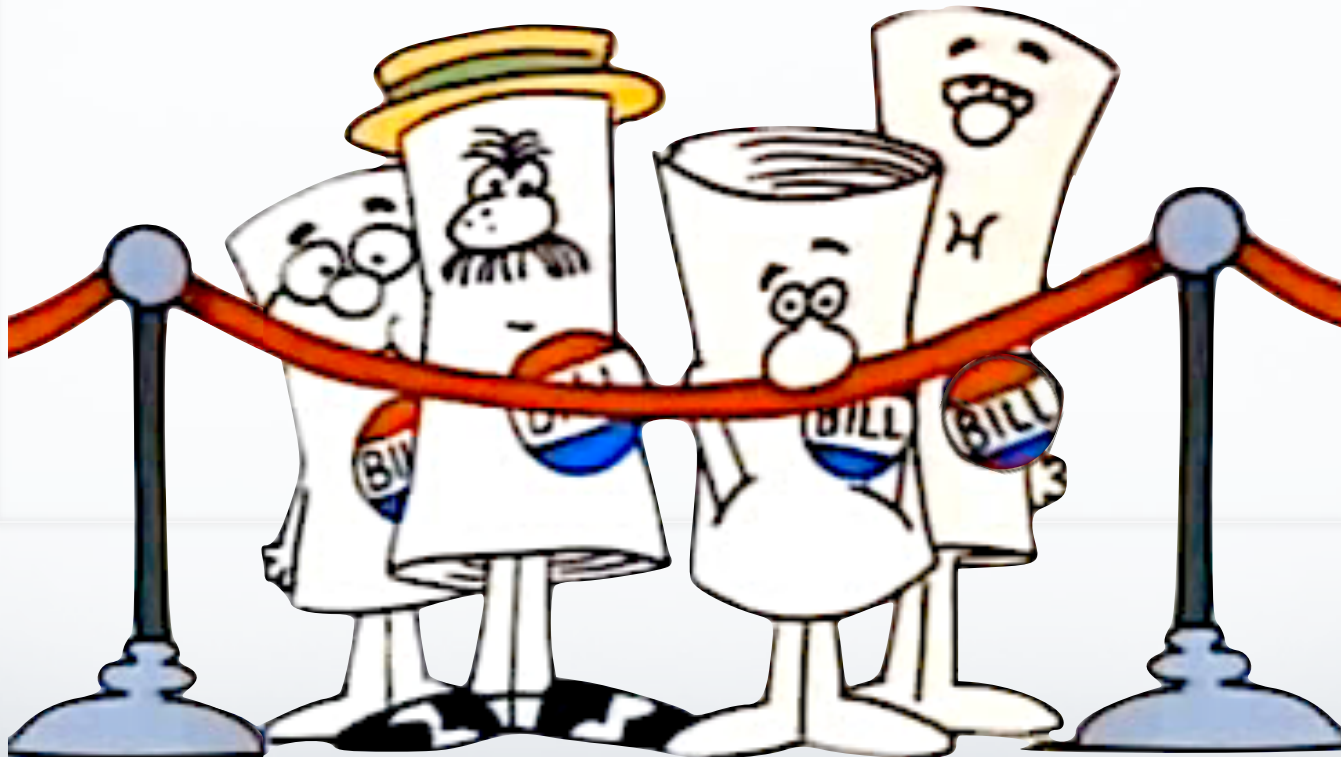


# Bill Review



# HB 64

## Reading Proficiency Task Force - Dyslexia

- Heard in House Education and Finance. Referred to House Rules and calendared for House floor. Renumbered CSHB 64(EDC).
- Passed by House 33 to 3. Transmitted to Senate and referred to Senate Education. Passed Senate Education 4/0 and referred to Senate Finance and then to Senate Rules.
- Establishes a task force for reading/dyslexia. Designated seat for AASB.
- Companion bill is SB 27.

## **HB 212**

# **School Construction & Major Maintenance**

- Expands the REAA & small municipal fund to include major maintenance as well as school construction. Meets the intent of the Kasayulie settlement.
- Prime Sponsor – Rep. Neal Foster
- Referred to Education & Finance
- Heard and passed out of House Education 5 “Do Pass”
- Bipartisan support
- Currently in House Finance

# HB 213

# Public School Trust Fund

- Restructures Fund by combining accounts. Draws off funding by using a POMV of 4.75% of fund value. Value is determined based on monthly average market value for the 10 previous fiscal years.
- Bill was recommended by House Finance DEED subcommittee.
- Bill went to Finance and then to Rules. Sent back to Finance and then back to Rules and on to House floor.
- Passed the House but has a notice of reconsideration.

# HB 214

## Bree's Law

- There are two other bills dealing with Bree's Law (SB 171 and HB 324) both introduced at the request of the Governor. Those two bills rename a portion of the Alaska Safe Children's Act as well as expanding the mandatory reporters.
- HB 214 only renames a portion of the Alaska Safe Children's Act as Bree's Law.
- The bill has passed the House. It was considered by Senate Education with no changes and referred to Senate Judiciary.

## **HB 221**

# **Workforce & Educated Related Statistics Program**

- Will allow the sharing of data between the Dept of Labor and DEED into a new database known as the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS).
- It will allow for the assessment on the effectiveness of workforce training programs.
- No personally identifiable information will be shared with the federal government.
- Heard and passed out of House Education and was referred House Finance.

# HB 224

# Reemployment of Retired Teachers & Administrators

- Allows districts to hire a teacher or administrator for positions that are unable to be filled.
- Heard and passed out of House State Affairs.
- Currently in House Finance.
- Companion bill is SB 185.

# HB 233

## Tax Education Credits

- This bill sunsets Dec 31, 2018. HB233 would extend the education tax credit to Dec 31, 2025.
- This legislation allows companies to make charitable contributions to educational institutions and programs in Alaska.
- The tax credits offset certain business taxes.
- The bill was heard in House Education and has been referred to House Finance.
- A companion bill is SB 116.



# HB 324

## Bree's Law

- Referred to House Rules Committee at the request of the Governor.
- Renames portions of the Alaska Safe Children's Act to Bree's Law.
- Expands the Mandatory Reporters of child sexual abuse.
- Currently in House Education Committee.
- Companion bill is SB 171.

# HB 339

## Increase the BSA

- This bill would increase the Base Student Allocation by \$100 bringing it to \$6030.
- It was heard in House Education and received 5 “Do Pass” votes with bipartisan support.
- Referred to House Finance.
- AASB provided a letter of support for the bill.

# HB 347

## REAA School Transfer

- This bill allows an REAA to transfer a school to a contiguous REAA.
- Both school boards must agree to the transfer of the school.
- It is currently in House Community & Regional Affairs. The next committee of referral is Education.

# HB 360

# Internet Procurement Regulations

- This bill would prohibit the state from contracting with Internet Service Providers (ISP's) who do not treat all websites equally or engage in paid prioritization of websites.
- Also known as “net neutrality.”
- Referred to House State Affairs and Finance
- Currently in House State Affairs.

## **HJR 29**

# **Reauthorization of Secure Rural Schools Act**

- **Urges Congress to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000.**
- **First enacted in 1908 as the National Forest Receipts Program to share annual income from national forest land for distribution for the benefit of education and roads.**
- **Affects Alaska through the Tongass and Chugach National Forests.**
- **Was heard in House State Affairs and Judicial and has been referred to Finance.**

## **SB 27**

# **Reading Proficiency Task Force; Dyslexia**

- Establishes a task force for reading/dyslexia. Designated seat for AASB.
- Referred to Senate Education Committee.
- Companion bill is HB 64 which is moving and is the apparent vehicle.



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## **SB 78**

# **Education Endowment & Dividend Raffle Fund**

- Creates an Education Raffle in which dividend recipients may contribute a portion of their dividend for raffle chances.
- Contributions are split into 3 funds: 50% into Public Education Fund; 25% into Education Endowment Fund; 25% into Dividend Raffle Fund.
- 1/5 of Dividend Raffle Fund is for pay-out of prizes.
- Dividend Raffle Fund capped at \$500 Million. Overage into Education Endowment Fund which is capped at \$1 billion. Overage of that into Public Education Fund.

## SB 104

# School Curriculum

- Changes the curriculum review cycle from 6 years to 10 years
- DEED will find and make available curriculum for English, Language Arts & Math.
- 5 pilot districts will test the material for 2 years. If it is effective the State Board will approve its use by districts. Districts may then adopt it on a voluntary basis. Funding will initially be available.
- Senate Education waived public hearing and referred to Finance. It was then referred to Senate Rules who sent it back to Senate Finance.



# **SB 116**

# **Tax Education Credits**

- This bill sunsets December 31, 1018. SB 116 would extend the education tax credit to December 32, 2025.
- This legislation allows companies to make charitable contributions to educational institutions and programs in Alaska.
- The tax credits offset certain business taxes.
- Heard in Senate Labor & Commerce & referred to Senate Finance.
- A companion bill is HB 233.

# **SB 131**

## **Early Funding for Education**

- **Creates a 4<sup>th</sup> funding appropriation (Education) along with Operational, Capital, and Mental Health.**
- **Requires an education appropriation be passed NLT April 1 each year.**
- **Heard and passed out of Senate Education.**
- **Referred to Senate Finance.**

# SB 171

# Bree's Law

- Referred to Senate Rules Committee at the request of the Governor.
- Referrals to Education, Health & Human Services, Judicial.
- Renames portions of the Alaska Safe Children's Act to Bree's Law.
- Expands the Mandatory Reporters of child sexual abuse.
- Heard by Senate Education and held in committee.
- Companion bill is HB 324.

# **SB 185**

# **Reemployment of Retired Teachers & Administrators**

- Allows districts to hire a teacher or administrator for positions that are unable to be filled.
- Heard in Senate Education and referred to Senate Finance.
- Companion bill is HB 224 .

# SB 196

# Appropriations Limit

- Sets a statutory limit of \$4.1 billion for how much the Legislature may appropriate for agency budget expenses each year.
- The amount would adjust each year for inflation.
- Bill was heard in Senate State Affairs and Finance and referred to Senate Rules.