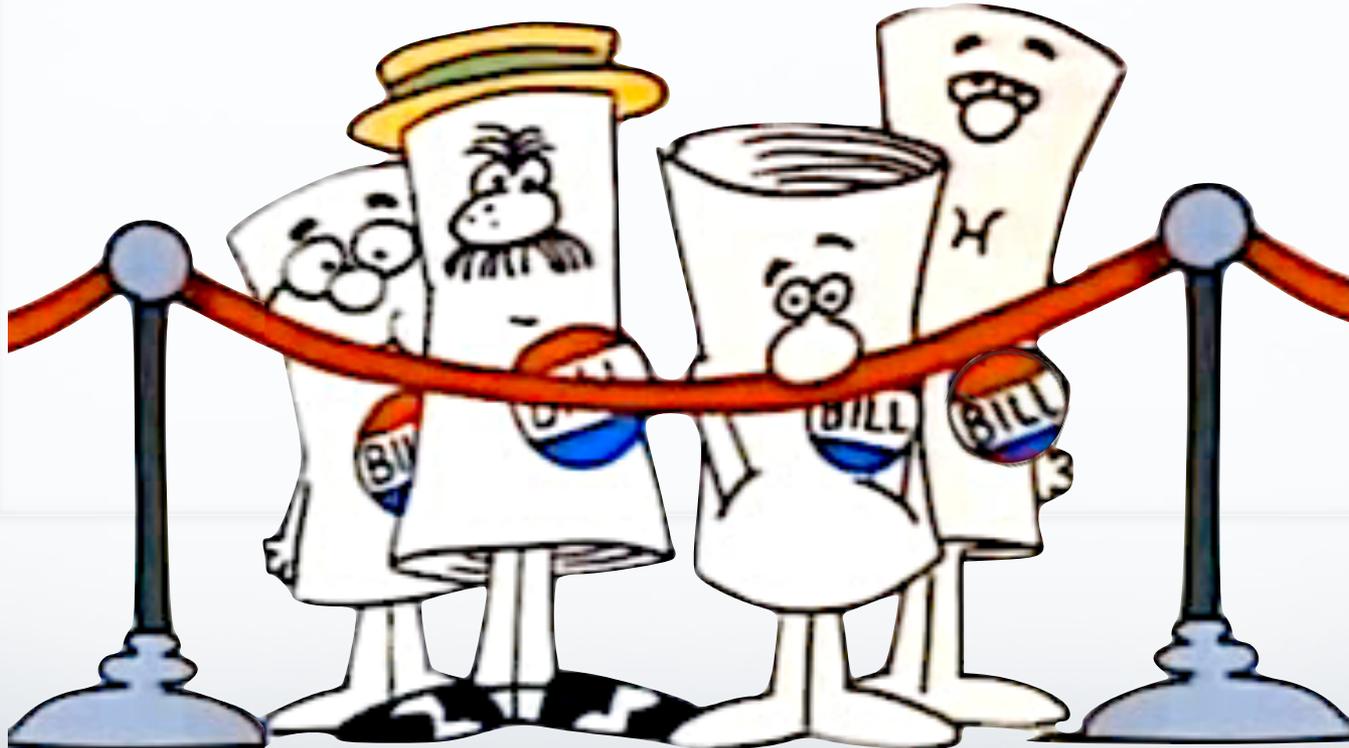


Bill Review



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.

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, 2018. SB 116 would extend the education tax credit to December 31, 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 4th 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.

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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.