

# Legislative Priorities & Bill Review

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# New York Times

## March 14 feature

U.S.

### *Alaska's Schools Face Cuts at Every Level Over Oil Collapse*

By KIRK JOHNSON MARCH 14, 2016



Lead to story: “Alaska’s schools are bleeding red ink.”



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# UA Budget Cuts

- House approved \$35 million unallocated reduction to university budget in FY 2017.
- Senate approved \$10 million unallocated reduction.
- Regents preparing reductions & reorganization plan at all campuses.





# EED Budget Deletions

- **Early childhood** development grants to districts: \$2 million
- **Parents as Teachers & Best Beginnings:** \$926,000  
(retained in Senate version of budget)
- **Mentoring program:** \$1.5 million
- **ANSEP:** \$1 million
- **Library, Archives & Museum:** \$2.7 million (including  
Broadband access grant)
- Other reductions in EED: \$2 million (approx.)
- **Total reductions:** House \$9.8 million  
Senate: \$8.9 million



# Bills in Play

## SB 79 Rehire Retired

- Re-opens rehire program for retired teachers & administrators
- Request for lower fiscal note pending
  - Status: Senate CRA Committee
  - HB 172 identical bill in House Education Committee



Sen. Mike Dunleavy, R-Wasilla



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# Bills in Play

## SB 89 Parental Rights



Sen. Mike Dunleavy, R-Wasilla

- Requires districts to allow students to withdraw from tests or classes, with parental permission
- Prohibits districts from allowing Planned Parenthood on campus
  - Status: Passed Senate, in House Education Committee (Hearing on Monday 8 a.m.)



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# Bills in Play

## SB 191 Penalties for Sex Ed

- Imposes civil fines or penalties for violations of restrictions in SB 89 (ban on sex education from abortion service providers). Teachers and board members included.
- Status: Senate Judiciary Committee



Sen. Mike Dunleavy, R-Wasilla



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# Bills in Play

## HB 102 Psychiatric Treatment Funding



Rep. Wes Keller, R-Wasilla

- Requires districts to provide funding to residential centers for education of students under treatment
  - Status: House Finance Committee



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# Bills in Play

## SCR 1 Civics Education Task Force



Sen. Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak

- **Creates 12-member task force to recommend civics education curriculum for K-12**
  - Status: Passed Senate, in House Finance Committee



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# New Bills

## HB 298 Layoffs of Tenured Teachers



Rep. Cathy Tilton, R-Wasilla

- Amends 14.20.177(a) to allow layoffs for any reason
- Deletes requirement of decreased enrollment or drop in basic need of 3 percent
  - Status: House Education Committee (Hearing Wednesday, March 23)



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