Priorities & Bill Review

Norm Wooten
April 2, 2017
SB 96
‘AK Education Transformation Act’

- Omnibus bill impacting:
  - Funding in 20 districts via School Size Adjustment (SSA)
  - Health insurance
  - Distance Education
  - Unreserved fund balance cap
  - Praxis scores for teachers

Sen. Shelley Hughes, R-Anchorage
Chair, Senate Education Committee

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- **Other impacts:**
  - Professional Teaching Practices Commission
  - School bus inspections & wages
  - Public School Trust Fund

- **Status:** Senate Education Committee (New Committee Substitute due Monday)

Sen. Shelley Hughes, R-Anchorage
Chair, Senate Education Committee
HB 64
Reading Proficiency Task Force

- Creates 15-member task force to examine why 47,000 students below reading proficiency
- Report to Legislature in 2018
- Status: Passed House, in Senate Education Committee

Rep. Harriet Drummond, D-Anchorage
Chair, House Education Committee
SB 87

School Construction Standards

- Requires EED to set new energy efficiency & space standards for school construction
- 30-year life for new construction, 20-year life for remodel work
- State would retain ownership of designs
- Status: Senate Finance Committee

Sen. Anna McKinnon, R-Anchorage
Co-chair, Senate Finance Committee

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**HB 135**

**School Construction Grants**

- Lengthens time allowed school districts to match state grant funds for bonded projects (Kivalina project)
- **Current status:** House floor, Monday calendar

Rep. Dean Westlake, D-Kotzebue
HB 102
Native Language Instruction

- Expands limited teacher certification to include Native language instruction
- Current status: House floor, on Monday’s calendar

Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, D-Sitka
HB 146
School Tax, PFD Credit

- Creates graduated tax on personal income, collected as “education tax” but deposited in state treasury
- Allows recipients to deduct tax from PFD
- Current status: House Finance Committee

Rep. Matt Claman, D-Anchorage
SB 78
PFD Contributions, Lottery

- Creates PFD lottery fund to benefit education
- Each $100 entry allows contributor one chance to win lottery
- Status: Senate Finance Committee

Sen. Click Bishop, R-Fairbanks
Civic Education

- Civic Education Task Force:

  Sen. Gary Stevens, R-Kodiak
  Chair, Civic Education Task Force