

Priorities & Bill Review

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SB 96

'AK Education Transformation Act'



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

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



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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)***



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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**



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SB 87

School Construction Standards



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

- 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*



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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



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HB 102

Native Language Instruction



Rep. Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, D-Sitka

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



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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



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SB 78

PFD Contributions, Lottery



Sen. Click Bishop, R-Fairbanks

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



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Civic Education

- Civic Education Task Force:



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



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