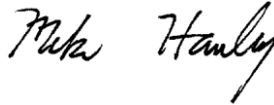


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MEMORANDUM NUMBER 2014-023

To: All parties interested in the regulations of the Department of Education & Early Development



From: Mike Hanley, Commissioner

Date: September 29, 2014

Subject: Opening a period of public comment on proposed amendments to
4 AAC 06.075 High school graduation requirements

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE REGULATIONS OF
THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & EARLY DEVELOPMENT**

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

The Department of Education & Early Development proposes regulation changes to increase the units of credit in mathematics required for graduation from high school on or after July 1, 2017.

The Department of Education & Early Development proposes to adopt regulation changes in Title 4 of the Alaska Administrative Code by amending 4 AAC 06.075 to revise the units of credit required for high school graduation, which may address the following:

- An increase in the units of credit in mathematics from the requirement of two units of credit in mathematics for students graduating on or before June 30, 2017, to three units of credit in mathematics for students graduating from high school on or after July 1, 2017.

You may comment on the proposed regulation changes, including the potential costs to private persons of complying with the proposed changes, by submitting written comments to the Commissioner's Office, Department of Education & Early Development, Attn: Regulations Review, 801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200, PO Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500. Comments may also be submitted via fax, (907) 465-4156, or via the Internet, at <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>. **Written comments must be received no later than 4:00 p.m., November 3, 2014.**

Oral comments may be submitted at a hearing to be held on December 4, 2014, at the Anchorage School District boardroom at 5530 E. Northern Lights Blvd., Anchorage, Alaska. This hearing will begin at 8:00 a.m. and might be extended to accommodate those present before 7:55 a.m. who did not have an opportunity to comment. You may also comment at this meeting, during this time only, via the Legislative Information Office streaming by calling **1-855-463-5009 if you are outside of Juneau. For participation from Juneau, call 463-5009. This meeting will be streamed through the Legislative Information Office over <http://www.alaskalegislature.tv/> beginning at 8:00 a.m. on December 4, 2014 (audio only).**

Persons may also comment at the oral hearing via the following Legislative Information Offices: Anchorage, 733 W 4th Ave., Ste. 100; Barrow, 119 Bank Bldg.; Bethel, 301 Willow St.; Cordova, 705 Second Street; Fairbanks, 1292 Sadler Way, Suite 308; Juneau, Rm. 111 Terry Miller Bldg. State Capitol; Kenai, 145 Main St. Loop, Ste. 217; Ketchikan, 1900 First Avenue, Ste. 310; Kodiak, 305 Center Ave., Ste. 1; Kotzebue, 373 2nd St., Pillautuq Centre; Mat-Su, 600 E Railroad Ave.; Nome 103 Front St.; Seward, 302 Railway Ste. 107; Sitka, 201 Katlian St., Ste. 103; and Unalaska, 029 Airport Beach Rd., No. 03-01.

If you are a person with a disability who needs a special accommodation in order to participate in this process, please contact Lisa Miller at 465-2802, or lisa.miller@alaska.gov, no later than 10 days before the accommodation is needed, to ensure that any necessary accommodations can be provided.

For a copy of the regulation changes, go to <https://education.alaska.gov/regs/comment.cfm>; contact the Commissioner's Office at the Department of Education & Early Development, 801 West Tenth Street, Suite 200, P.O. Box 110500, Juneau, Alaska 99811-0500; email eric.fry@alaska.gov; or call 465-2851.

After the public comment period ends, the State Board of Education & Early Development will either adopt these or other provisions dealing with the same subject, without further notice, or decide to take no action on them. The language of the final regulations may be different from that of the proposed regulations. **YOU SHOULD COMMENT DURING THE TIME ALLOWED IF YOUR INTERESTS COULD BE AFFECTED.**

Statutory Authority: AS 14.07.020, AS 14.07.060.

Statutes Being Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: AS 14.07.020.

Fiscal Information: The proposed regulation changes are not expected to require an increased appropriation.

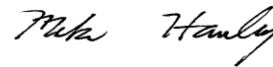
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DATE: September 29, 2014

Mike Hanley
Commissioner

ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS NOTICE INFORMATION
(AS 44.62.190(d))

1. Adopting agency: Department of Education & Early Development
2. General subject of regulation: High school graduation requirements
3. Citation of regulation (may be grouped): 4 AAC 06.075
4. Department of Law file number, if any: JU2014200719
5. Reason for the proposed action:
 - ☐ compliance with federal law
 - ☐ compliance with new or changed state statute
 - ☐ compliance with court order
 - ☐ development of program standards
 - ☒ other: (please list) align state requirements with the requirements of many school districts
6. Appropriation/Allocation: Teaching & Learning Support
7. Cost of implementation to the state agency and available funding (in thousands of dollars)

	Initial Year FY14	Subsequent Years
Operating Cost	\$__0__	\$__0__
Capital Cost	\$__0__	\$__0__
1002 Federal receipts	\$__0__	\$__0__
1003 General fund match	\$__0__	\$__0__
1004 General fund	\$__0__	\$__0__
1005 General fund/ program	\$__0__	\$__0__
1037 General fund/ mental health	\$__0__	\$__0__
Other	\$__0__	\$__0__

8. The name of the contact person for the regulations:

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Title	Director, Teaching & Learning Support		
Address	PO Box 110500	Telephone	907-465-2857
	Juneau, AK 99811	E-mail address	susan.mccauley@alaska.gov

9. The origin of the proposed action:

☒ staff of state agency
☐ federal government
☐ general public
☐ petition for regulation change
☐ other (please list):

10. Date: September 26, 2014

Prepared by:



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