

SENATE BILL NO. 206

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA
THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

BY SENATOR TOBIN

Introduced: 1/9/26
Referred: Prefiled

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 "An Act relating to reports of harassment, intimidation, or bullying in schools; relating
2 to parental notification of incidents of harassment, intimidation, or bullying involving
3 students and threats of suicide by students; and establishing the firearm safe storage
4 grant fund."

5 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

6 * **Section 1.** AS 14.33.220(b) is amended to read:

7 (b) A school employee, student, or volunteer who has witnessed, or has
8 reliable information that a student has been subjected to, harassment, intimidation, or
9 bullying, whether verbal or physical, shall report the incident to an appropriate school
10 official and a child advocacy center. In this subsection, "child advocacy center"
11 has the meaning given in AS 47.17.033(I).

12 * **Sec. 2.** AS 14.33 is amended by adding a new section to read:

13 **Sec. 14.33.240. Parental notification.** A school district may adopt a plan to
14 notify the parents or guardians of a student of an incident of harassment, intimidation,

1 or bullying involving the student or threat of suicide by the student. A school district
 2 that notifies a parent or guardian under this section shall provide to the parent or
 3 guardian suicide prevention resources and information about how to

4 (1) limit a student's access to firearms and lethal medications;

5 (2) securely store firearms, ammunition, and lethal medications,
 6 including in a safe storage device; and

7 (3) request a free safe storage device from the firearm safe storage
 8 grant fund established under AS 44.41.080.

9 * **Sec. 3.** AS 44.29.350 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

10 (b) The council may advise a school district of appropriate materials and
 11 reference lists that the district may provide to a parent or guardian under the
 12 circumstances described under AS 14.33.240.

13 * **Sec. 4.** AS 44.41 is amended by adding a new section to read:

14 **Sec. 44.41.080. Firearm safe storage grant fund.** (a) The firearm safe storage
 15 grant fund is established in the general fund. The department shall manage the fund
 16 and may use money in the fund without further appropriation to purchase firearm safe
 17 storage devices and distribute the devices at no cost to school districts. Money in the
 18 fund does not lapse. The fund consists of money appropriated to the fund, including
 19 grant money the department receives for the purpose of providing to school districts
 20 firearm safe storage devices and funds to purchase firearm safe storage devices, and
 21 donations to the fund.

22 (b) Nothing in this section creates a dedicated fund.

23 (c) The department may adopt regulations under AS 44.62 (Administrative
 24 Procedure Act) to implement this section.

25 (d) In this section,

26 (1) "department" means the Department of Public Safety;

27 (2) "firearm safe storage device" means a lock box, safe, cable lock, or
 28 other device that is used to prevent unauthorized access to a firearm or to store a
 29 firearm.